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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14  
**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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A JOINT RESOLUTION  
PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 8, SECTION 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AUTHORIZED TO  
LEVY TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS TO HAVE A GOVERNING AUTHORITY ELECTED  
BY QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE POLITICAL  
SUBDIVISION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 8, Section 9  
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"No tax or assessment of any kind shall be levied by any  
political subdivision whose enabling legislation does not  
provide for an elected governing authority. All qualified  
electors who are residents of that political subdivision shall  
be eligible to vote in elections for the governing authority.

This section does not prohibit the levying or collection of a  
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1 tax or special assessment by an initial appointed governing  
2 authority where the appointed governing authority will be  
3 replaced by an elected one within six years of the date the  
4 appointed authority takes office. ~~[The provisions of this~~  
5 ~~section shall not be effective until July 1, 1976.]"~~

6 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
7 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
8 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
9 election prior to that date that may be called for that  
10 purpose.

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