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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO  
BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO REQUIRE A VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF  
MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING IN EACH HOUSE TO APPROVE A NEW TAX  
OR AN INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE OF AN EXISTING TAX.

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

**SECTION 1.** It is proposed to amend Article 8 of the  
constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

"A new tax that applies statewide or an increase in the  
rate of an existing statewide tax may be provided by law if  
approved by a two-thirds majority vote of members present and  
voting in each house of the legislature."

**SECTION 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution  
shall be submitted to the people for approval or rejection at  
the next general election or at any special election prior to

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