

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
12 NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD WITH
13 OTHER ELECTIONS.

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

16 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 7, Section 1
17 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

18 A. "Every citizen of the United States who is over
19 the age of twenty-one years and has resided in New Mexico
20 twelve months, in the county ninety days, and in the precinct
21 in which ~~[he]~~ the person offers to vote thirty days, next
22 preceding the election, except idiots, insane persons and
23 persons convicted of a felonious or infamous crime unless
24 restored to political rights, shall be qualified to vote at all
25 elections for public officers. The legislature may enact laws

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1 providing for absentee voting by qualified electors. [~~All~~
2 ~~school elections shall be held at different times from other~~
3 ~~elections.~~]

4 B. The legislature shall have the power to require
5 the registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for
6 voting and shall regulate the manner, time and places of
7 voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure
8 the secrecy of the ballot and the purity of elections and guard
9 against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than two
10 members of the board of registration and not more than two
11 judges of election shall belong to the same political party at
12 the time of their appointment."

13 **SECTION 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution
14 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
15 rejection at the next general election or at any special
16 election prior to that date that may be called for that
17 purpose.