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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19
50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 10, SECTION 7 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE BOARDS OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS IN COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION IN EXCESS OF
SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, OF WHOM MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT ARE
NATIVE AMERICAN, TO CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 10, Section 7
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"The board of county commissioners by unanimous vote may
adopt an ordinance to increase the size of the boards of county
commissioners to five members; provided that the board of
county commissioners in a county with a population in excess of
seventy-five thousand, more than fifty percent of whom are
Native American, according to the most recent federal decennial

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1 census, shall consist of five members. Upon creation of a
2 five-member board, the county shall be divided by the incumbent
3 board of county commissioners into five county commission
4 districts that shall be compact, contiguous and as nearly equal
5 in population as practicable. One county commissioner shall
6 reside within and be elected from each county commission
7 district. Change of residence to a place outside the district
8 from which a county commissioner was elected shall
9 automatically terminate the service of that commissioner and
10 the office shall be declared vacant."

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