

HOUSE VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11, SECTION 1 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO INCREASE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR
PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSIONERS.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 11, Section 1
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"The "public regulation commission" is created. The
commission shall consist of five members elected from districts
provided by law for staggered four-year terms beginning on
January 1 of the year following their election; provided that
those chosen at the first general election after the adoption
of this section shall immediately classify themselves by lot,
so that two of them shall hold office for two years and three
of them for four years; and further provided that, after

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1 serving two terms, members shall be ineligible to hold office
2 as a commission member until one full term has intervened. The
3 legislature shall provide, by law, increased educational and
4 professional qualifications for commissioners and continuing
5 education requirements for commissioners. No commissioner or
6 candidate for the commission shall accept anything of value
7 from a person or entity whose charges for services to the
8 public are regulated by the commission."

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