

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 16, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT PRIORITY OF APPROPRIATION SHALL BE GIVEN THE BETTER RIGHT WITH REGARD TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF WATER RIGHTS IN THE STATE AND TO REQUIRE PRO RATA ALLOCATION OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USES BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 16, Section 2 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. The unappropriated water of every natural stream, perennial or torrential, within the state of New Mexico, is hereby declared to belong to the public and to be subject to appropriation for beneficial use, in accordance with the laws of the state. [~~Priority of appropriation shall give~~

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