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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5, SECTION 3 OF THE  
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE THE STATE AUDITOR TO BE  
A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND REQUIRE THE STATE TREASURER  
TO HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE AND HAVE  
EARNED TWENTY HOURS OF CREDITS IN BUSINESS OR FINANCE CLASSES.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 5, Section 3  
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. No person shall be eligible to any office  
specified in Section One, hereof, unless he be a citizen of  
the United States, at least thirty years of age, nor unless he  
shall have resided continuously in New Mexico for five years  
next preceding his election [~~nor to~~] and have the  
qualifications for a specific office as follows:

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(1) for the office of attorney general,  
[~~unless~~] he must be a licensed attorney of the supreme court  
of New Mexico in good standing [~~nor to~~];

(2) for the office of superintendent of  
public instruction, [~~unless~~] he must be a trained and  
experienced educator;

(3) for the office of state auditor, he must  
be a certified public accountant; and

(4) for the office of state treasurer, he  
must be a graduate of a four-year college, recipient of a  
bachelor's degree and have earned twenty hours of credits in  
business or finance classes.

B. The increased qualifications for the office of  
state auditor or state treasurer shall apply to terms  
beginning January 1, 2002.

Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
rejection at the next general election or at any special  
election prior to that date which may be called for that  
purpose.