

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE
3 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO MODERNIZE LANGUAGE ON QUALIFIED
4 ELECTORS BY REMOVING LANGUAGE DENIGRATING PERSONS WITH
5 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, ADOPTING FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS TO
6 VOTE, DEFINING MENTAL INCAPACITY FOR VOTING PURPOSES AND
7 RESTRICTING FELONS FROM VOTING EXCEPT AS RESTORED BY STATUTE.

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

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

12 "Every person who is a qualified elector pursuant to the
13 constitution and laws of the United States and a citizen
14 thereof shall be qualified to vote in all elections in New
15 Mexico, subject to residency and registration requirements
16 provided by law, except as restricted by statute either by
17 reason of criminal conviction for a felony or by reason of
18 mental incapacity, being limited only to those persons who
19 are unable to mark their ballot and who are concurrently also
20 unable to communicate their voting preference. The
21 legislature may enact laws providing for absentee voting by
22 qualified electors. All school elections shall be held at
23 different times from other elections.

24 The legislature shall have the power to require the
25 registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for

1 voting and shall regulate the manner, time and places of
2 voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure
3 the secrecy of the ballot and the purity of elections and
4 guard against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than
5 two members of the board of registration and not more than
6 two judges of election shall belong to the same political
7 party at the time of their appointment."

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

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