SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
NEW MEXICO TO PERMIT SCHOOL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT THE SAME
TIME AS PARTISAN ELECTIONS.

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

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

"A. Every person who is a qualified elector
pursuant to the constitution and laws of the United States and
a citizen thereof shall be qualified to vote in all elections
in New Mexico, subject to residency and registration
requirements provided by law, except as restricted by statute
either by reason of criminal conviction for a felony or by
reason of mental incapacity, being limited only to those
persons who are unable to mark their ballot and who are

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1   concurrently also unable to communicate their voting

2   preference. The legislature may enact laws providing for

3   absentee voting by qualified electors. [All school elections

4   shall be held at different times from partisan elections.]

5   B. The legislature shall have the power to require

6   the registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for

7   voting and shall regulate the manner, time and places of

8   voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure

9   the secrecy of the ballot and the purity of elections and guard

10   against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than two

11   members of the board of registration and not more than two

12   judges of election shall belong to the same political party at

13   the time of their appointment."

14   SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution

15   shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

16   rejection at the next general election or at any special

17   election prior to that date that may be called for that

18   purpose.

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