

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

2 **44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,**
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11 A JOINT RESOLUTION

12 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLES 5 AND 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
13 NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW FOR, BUT NOT REQUIRE, RUNOFF ELECTIONS IN
14 ALL ELECTIONS.
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16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 5, Section 2
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "The returns of every election for state officers shall
20 be sealed up and transmitted to the secretary of state, who,
21 with the governor and chief justice, shall constitute the
22 state canvassing board, which shall canvass and declare the
23 result of the election. Unless a runoff election system is
24 provided by law, the joint candidates having the highest
25 number of votes cast for governor and lieutenant governor and
the person having the highest number of votes for any other
office, as shown by said returns, shall be declared duly

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1 elected; and, if two or more have an equal, and the highest,
2 number of votes for the same office or offices, one of them,
3 or any two for whom joint votes were cast for governor and
4 lieutenant governor respectively, shall be chosen therefor by
5 the legislature on joint ballot."

6 Section 2. It is proposed to amend Article 7, Section 5
7 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

8 "All elections shall be by ballot. [~~and~~] Unless a runoff
9 election system is provided by law, or in the case of
10 municipalities, by ordinance, the person who receives the
11 highest number of votes for any office, except in the cases
12 of the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be
13 declared elected thereto. The joint candidates receiving the
14 highest number of votes for the offices of governor and
15 lieutenant governor shall be declared elected to those
16 offices, unless a runoff election system is provided by law."

17 Section 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution
18 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
19 rejection at the next general election or at any special
20 election prior to that date which may be called for that
21 purpose.