

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

2 45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION ON WHEN
13 SCHOOL ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD, PROVIDE THAT REGULAR SCHOOL
14 DISTRICT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION AND
15 UPDATE THE CONSTITUTION TO REFLECT THE VOTING AGE PURSUANT TO
16 FEDERAL LAW.

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

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

21 "Every citizen of the United States, who is over the age
22 of [~~twenty-one~~] eighteen years, and has resided in New Mexico
23 twelve months, in the county ninety days, and in the precinct
24 in which he offers to vote thirty days, next preceding the
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underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 election, except idiots, insane persons and persons convicted
2 of a felonious or infamous crime unless restored to political
3 rights, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public
4 officers. The legislature may enact laws providing for
5 absentee voting by qualified electors. [~~All school elections~~
6 ~~shall be held at different times from other elections.~~]
7 Regular school district elections shall be held with the
8 general election.

9 The legislature shall have the power to require the
10 registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for
11 voting, and shall regulate the manner, time and places of
12 voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure
13 the secrecy of the ballot, the purity of elections and guard
14 against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than two
15 members of the board of registration, and not more than two
16 judges of election shall belong to the same political party at
17 the time of their appointment. "

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