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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10
45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001
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A JOINT RESOLUTION
PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST
CERTAIN PERSONS EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

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:

"Every citizen of the United States, who is over the age
of [~~twenty-one~~] eighteen years, and has resided in New Mexico
twelve months, in the county ninety days, and in the precinct
in which he offers to vote thirty days, next preceding the
election, except [~~idiots, insane persons and~~] persons convicted
of a felonious or infamous crime unless restored to political
rights, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public

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1 officers. The legislature may enact laws providing for
2 absentee voting by qualified electors. All school elections
3 shall be held at different times from other elections.

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

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