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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

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 RESTRICTION ON WHEN
SCHOOL ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD, PROVIDE THAT REGULAR SCHOOL
DISTRICT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION AND
UPDATE THE CONSTITUTION TO REFLECT THE VOTING AGE PURSUANT TO
FEDERAL LAW.

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

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

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

17 Section 2. 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.