

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 30

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

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW
12 MEXICO TO PROVIDE A REVISED ELECTION CYCLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE
13 SENATE.

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

16 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 4
17 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

18 "A. Members of the legislature shall be elected as
19 follows: [~~those senators from Bernalillo, Chaves, Curry,
20 DeBaca, Grant, Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Sandoval, San Juan, San
21 Miguel, Socorro, Taos, Torrance, Union and Valencia counties
22 for a term of six years starting January 1, 1961, and after
23 serving such terms shall be elected for a term of four years
24 thereafter; those senators from all other counties for the
25 terms of four years, and]~~

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1 (1) members of the senate elected at the
2 general election in 2004 shall be divided by lot, in a manner
3 determined by the senate, into two classes of twenty-one seats
4 in each class. Members of the senate in class one shall be
5 elected for a term of two years at the general election in 2004
6 and after serving the two-year term shall be elected for a term
7 of four years at subsequent elections. Members of the senate
8 in class two shall be elected for a term of four years at the
9 general election in 2004 and in subsequent elections; and

10 (2) members of the house of representatives
11 shall be elected for a term of two years. [They]

12 B. Members of the legislature shall be elected on
13 the day provided by law for holding the general election of
14 state officers or representatives in congress.

15 C. If a vacancy occurs in the office of senator or
16 member of the house of representatives, for any reason, the
17 county commissioners of the county wherein the vacancy occurs
18 shall fill such vacancy by appointment.

19 D. Such legislative appointments as provided in
20 this section shall be for a term ending on December 31,
21 subsequent to the next succeeding general election. "

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

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