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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2
51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013
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A JOINT RESOLUTION
PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD AT
DIFFERENT TIMES FROM PARTISAN ELECTIONS.

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:

"A. Every citizen of the United States who is over
the age of twenty-one years and has resided in New Mexico
twelve months, in the county ninety days, and in the precinct
in which ~~[he]~~ the person 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 officers. The legislature may enact laws

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1 providing for absentee voting by qualified electors. All
2 school elections shall be held at different times from [~~other~~]
3 partisan elections.

4 B. The legislature shall have the power to require
5 the 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 and 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 that may be called for that
17 purpose.