HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 6, SECTION 33 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT JUDICIAL ELECTIONS
BE NONPARTISAN.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 6, Section 33
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. Each justice of the supreme court, judge of the
court of appeals, district judge or metropolitan court judge
shall have been elected to that position in a [partisan]
nonpartisan election prior to being eligible for a nonpartisan
retention election. Thereafter, each such justice or judge
shall be subject to retention or rejection on a nonpartisan
ballot. Retention of the judicial office shall require at
least fifty-seven percent of the vote cast on the question of

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1　　retention or rejection.

2　　　　　B.　Each justice of the supreme court or judge of

3　　the court of appeals shall be subject to retention or rejection

4　　in like manner at the general election every eighth year.

5　　　　　C.　Each district judge shall be subject to

6　　retention or rejection in like manner at the general election

7　　every sixth year.

8　　　　　D.　Each metropolitan court judge shall be subject

9　　to retention or rejection in like manner at the general

10　　election every fourth year.

11　　　　　E.　Every justice of the supreme court, judge of the

12　　court of appeals, district judge or metropolitan court judge

13　　holding office on January 1 next following the date of the

14　　election at which this amendment is adopted shall be deemed to

15　　have fulfilled the requirements of Subsection A of this

16　　section, and the justice or judge shall be eligible for

17　　retention or rejection by the electorate at the general

18　　election next preceding the end of the term of which the

19　　justice or judge was last elected prior to the adoption of this

20　　amendment."

21　　SECTION 2.　The amendment proposed by this resolution

22　　shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

23　　rejection at the next general election or at any special

24　　election prior to that date that may be called for that

25　　purpose.

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