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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, SECTION 31 AND ARTICLE 12,
SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW TRIBAL
COLLEGES TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 31
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. No appropriation shall be made for charitable,
educational or other benevolent purposes to any person,
corporation, association, institution or community, except for
a tribal college, not under the absolute control of the state,
but the legislature may, in its discretion, make appropriations
for the charitable institutions and hospitals, for the
maintenance of which annual appropriations were made by the
legislative assembly of nineteen hundred and nine.

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1 B. As used in this section, "tribal college" means
2 a tribally, federally or congressionally chartered post-
3 secondary educational institution located in New Mexico that is
4 accredited."

5 SECTION 2. It is proposed to amend Article 12, Section 3
6 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

7 "A. The schools, colleges, universities and other
8 educational institutions provided for by this constitution
9 shall forever remain under the exclusive control of the state
10 [~~and~~]. No part of the proceeds arising from the sale or
11 disposal of any lands granted to the state by congress [~~or any~~]
12 shall be used for the support of any sectarian, denominational
13 or private school, college or university. No other funds
14 appropriated, levied or collected for educational purposes,
15 shall be used for the support of any sectarian, denominational
16 or private school, college or university, except for a tribal
17 college.

18 B. As used in this section, "tribal college" means
19 a tribally, federally or congressionally chartered post-
20 secondary educational institution located in New Mexico that is
21 accredited."

22 SECTION 3. 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 that may be called for that

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