

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW
12 MEXICO TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURE AND ITS COMMITTEES TO
13 COMPEL WITNESSES TO ATTEND LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS, TO REQUIRE
14 SWORN TESTIMONY AND TO COMPEL PERSONS TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS,
15 ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION OR TANGIBLE ITEMS.

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

18 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4 of the
19 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

20 "Each house of the legislature and any committee of either
21 house or a joint committee of both houses, pursuant to the
22 procedural rules of each house, may compel the attendance and
23 testimony of a witness before either house or a committee or to
24 command a person to produce documents, electronically stored
25 information or tangible items in that person's custody or

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underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material]~~ = delete

1 control. The presiding officer of the senate, the speaker of
2 the house of representatives or the chair of a committee of
3 either house or joint committee of both houses of the
4 legislature may administer an oath to a witness who has been
5 compelled to appear and testify pursuant to this section."

6 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
7 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
8 rejection at the next general election or at any special
9 election prior to that date that may be called for that
10 purpose.

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