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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9
54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020
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A JOINT RESOLUTION
PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REMOVE THE
STATE PENITENTIARY'S DESIGNATION AS A BENEFICIARY OF THE LAND
GRANT PERMANENT FUND AND ASSIGN THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE
LAND GRANT LANDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATE PENITENTIARY TO THE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 13, Section 1
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this
section, all lands belonging to the territory of New Mexico,
and all lands granted, transferred or confirmed to the state by
congress, and all lands hereafter acquired, are declared to be
public lands of the state to be held or disposed of as may be
provided by law for the purposes for which they have been or

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1 may be granted, donated or otherwise acquired; provided, that
2 such of school Sections Two, Thirty-Two, Sixteen and Thirty-Six
3 as are not contiguous to other state lands shall not be sold
4 within the period of ten years next after the admission of New
5 Mexico as a state for less than ten dollars (\$10.00) per acre.

6 B. Revenue derived from the lands associated with
7 the following grants of land to the state by congress shall not
8 be used for its original purpose but rather exclusively used
9 for the support and aid of the common schools:

10 (1) the fifty thousand acres originally
11 granted for the enlargement and maintenance of the territorial
12 penitentiary by the act of congress of June 21, 1898, titled
13 "An Act To make certain grants of land to the Territory of New
14 Mexico, and for other purposes."; and

15 (2) the one hundred thousand acres originally
16 granted for penitentiaries by the act of congress of June 20,
17 1910, titled "An Act To enable the people of New Mexico to form
18 a constitution and state government and be admitted into the
19 Union on an equal footing with the original States..."

20 SECTION 2. It is proposed to amend Article 14, Section 2
21 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

22 "Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, all
23 lands [which] that have been or [which] that may be granted to
24 the state by congress for the purpose of [said] the several
25 institutions are hereby accepted for [said] the several

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1 institutions with all other grants, donations or devices for
2 the benefit of the same and shall be exclusively used for the
3 purpose for which they were or may be granted, donated or
4 devised."

5 SECTION 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution
6 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
7 rejection at the next general election or at any special
8 election prior to that date that may be called for that
9 purpose.