

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 19, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
12 NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS
13 OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR PASSAGE OF PROPOSED
14 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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

17 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 19, Section 1
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "An amendment or amendments to this constitution may be
20 proposed in either house of the legislature at a regular
21 session; and if [~~a majority~~] two-thirds of all members elected
22 to each of the two houses voting separately [~~votes~~] vote in
23 favor thereof, the proposed amendment or amendments shall be
24 entered on their respective journals with the yeas and nays
25 thereon.

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1 An amendment or amendments may also be proposed by an
2 independent commission established by law for that purpose, and
3 the amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the
4 legislature for its review in accordance with the provisions of
5 this section.

6 The secretary of state shall cause any such amendment or
7 amendments to be published in at least one newspaper in every
8 county of the state, where a newspaper is published once each
9 week, for four consecutive weeks, in English and Spanish when
10 newspapers in both of said languages are published in such
11 counties, the last publication to be not more than two weeks
12 prior to the election at which time said amendment or
13 amendments shall be submitted to the electors of the state for
14 their approval or rejection; and shall further provide notice
15 of the content and purpose of legislatively approved
16 constitutional amendments in both English and Spanish to inform
17 electors about the amendments in the time and manner provided
18 by law. The secretary of state shall also make reasonable
19 efforts to provide notice of the content and purpose of
20 legislatively approved constitutional amendments in indigenous
21 languages and to minority language groups to inform electors
22 about the amendments. Amendments approved by the legislature
23 shall be voted upon at the next regular election held after the
24 adjournment of that legislature or at a special election to be
25 held not less than six months after the adjournment of that

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1 legislature, at such time and in such manner as the legislature
2 may by law provide. An amendment that is ratified by a
3 majority of the electors voting on the amendment shall become
4 part of this constitution.

5 If two or more amendments are initiated by the
6 legislature, they shall be so submitted as to enable the
7 electors to vote on each of them separately. Amendments
8 initiated by an independent commission created by law for that
9 purpose may be submitted to the legislature separately or as a
10 single ballot question, and any such commission-initiated
11 amendments that are not substantially altered by the
12 legislature may be submitted to the electors in the separate or
13 single ballot question form recommended by the commission. No
14 amendment shall restrict the rights created by Sections One and
15 Three of Article VII hereof, on elective franchise, and
16 Sections Eight and Ten of Article XII hereof, on education,
17 unless it be proposed by vote of three-fourths of the members
18 elected to each house and be ratified by a vote of the people
19 of this state in an election at which at least three-fourths of
20 the electors voting on the amendment vote in favor of that
21 amendment."

22 SECTION 2. 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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