

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW VOTERS, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NO POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF A POLITICAL PARTY OF THEIR CHOICE AND PROVIDING POLITICAL PARTIES THE OPTION OF ALLOWING ONLY PARTY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PARTY'S NOMINATION PROCESS ON CONDITION THAT THE PARTY PAYS THE COSTS OF THAT PROCESS.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 7 of the constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

"A qualified elector who is registered to vote, regardless of whether the qualified elector is affiliated or not affiliated with a political party on the qualified elector's certificate of voter registration, may vote in the primary

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1 election of a political party that qualifies for and chooses to
2 participate in a state-sponsored and state-funded primary
3 election as provided by law; provided that the qualified
4 elector may vote in only one political party's primary
5 election. Alternately, a qualified political party may choose
6 to nominate its candidates for office appearing on the general
7 election ballot in a nomination process that limits
8 participation to members of the party if the party administers
9 and pays all costs of the nomination process, as provided by
10 law."

11 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
12 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
13 rejection at the next general election or at any special
14 election prior to that date that may be called for that
15 purpose.

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