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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
NEW MEXICO TO REMOVE A FELONY CONVICTION AS A DISQUALIFIER TO
VOTE.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 7, Section 1
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. Every person who is a qualified elector
pursuant to the constitution and laws of the United States and
a citizen ~~[thereof]~~ of the United States shall be qualified to
vote in all elections in New Mexico, subject to residency and
registration requirements provided by law, except ~~[as~~
~~restricted by statute either by reason of criminal conviction~~
~~for a felony or by]~~ for reason of mental incapacity, ~~[being]~~
which is limited only to those persons who are unable to mark

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1 their ballot and who are concurrently also unable to
2 communicate their voting preference. The legislature may enact
3 laws providing for absentee voting by qualified electors. All
4 school elections shall be held at different times from partisan
5 elections.

6 B. The legislature shall have the power to require
7 the registration of ~~[the]~~ qualified electors as a requisite for
8 voting and shall regulate the manner, time and places of
9 voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure
10 the secrecy of the ballot and the purity of elections and guard
11 against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than two
12 members of the board of registration and not more than two
13 judges of election shall belong to the same political party at
14 the time of their appointment."

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