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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 11 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO
BY ABOLISHING THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION AND CREATING A
SINGLE REGULATORY AGENCY FOR CORPORATIONS, PUBLIC UTILITIES,
TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES, TRANSMISSION AND PIPELINE COMPANIES,
INSURANCE COMPANIES AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES AS PROVIDED BY
LAW.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 11 of the
constitution of New Mexico by repealing Sections 1 through 12
and 15 through 17.

Section 2. It is proposed to amend Article 11 of the
constitution of New Mexico by adding a new Section 1 to read:

"The "public regulation commission" is created. The
commission shall consist of five members elected for staggered

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1 four-year terms beginning on January 1 of the year following
2 their election; provided that those chosen at the first general
3 election after the adoption of this section shall immediately
4 classify themselves by lot, so that two of them shall hold
5 office for two years and three of them for four years; and
6 further provided that, after serving two terms, members shall be
7 ineligible to hold office as a commission member until one full
8 term has intervened. No commissioner or candidate for the
9 commission shall accept anything of value from a person or
10 entity whose charges for services to the public are regulated by
11 the commission. "

12 Section 3. It is proposed to amend Article 11 of the
13 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new Section 2 to read:

14 "The public regulation commission shall have responsibility
15 for chartering and regulating business corporations in such
16 manner as the legislature shall provide. The commission shall
17 have responsibility for regulating public utilities, including
18 electric, natural gas and water companies; transportation
19 companies, including common and contract carriers; transmission
20 and pipeline companies, including telephone, telegraph and
21 information transmission companies; insurance companies and
22 others engaged in risk assumption; and other public service
23 companies in such manner as the legislature shall provide. "

24 Section 4. The provisions of Sections 1 and 3 of this
25 amendment shall take effect January 1, 1999.

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Section 5. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date which may be called for that purpose.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 8, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

**Your VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, to whom has
been referred**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

**has had it under consideration and reports same WITHOUT
RECOMMENDATION, amended as follows:**

**1. On page 1, line 25, after "elected" insert "from districts
provided by law".,**

**and thence referred to the BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
COMMITTEE.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Sandoval, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Lujan, Sanchez

Absent: None

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**FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996**

February 11, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

**Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has
been referred**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16, as amended

**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Luna, Chairman

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(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 5 For 4 Against

Yes: 5

No: Olguin, J. G. Taylor, Rodella, Luna

Excused: Macko

Absent: Gubbels, Varela

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 13, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16, as amended
has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Cisco McSorley, Chairman

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Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Christensen, Larranaga, Sanchez, R. G.

Absent: None

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

**FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 1996**

February 9, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

**Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred**

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 16

**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Max Coll, Chairman

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Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

Yes: 11

Excused: Bird, Buffett, Gentry, Knowles, Martinez, Townsend,

Watchman

Absent: None

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