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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE A REVISED ELECTION CYCLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 4 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. Members of the legislature shall be elected as follows: [~~those senators from Bernalillo, Chaves, Curry, DeBaca, Grant, Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Sandoval, San Juan, San Miguel, Socorro, Taos, Torrance, Union and Valencia counties for a term of six years starting January 1, 1961, and after serving such terms shall be elected for a term of four years thereafter; those senators from all other counties for the terms of four years, and~~]

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1 (1) members of the senate elected at the
2 general election in 2000 shall be divided by lot, in a manner
3 determined by the senate, into two classes of twenty-one seats
4 in each class. Members of the senate in class one shall be
5 elected for a term of two years at the general election in
6 2000 and after serving the two-year term shall be elected for
7 a term of four years at subsequent elections. Members of the
8 senate in class two shall be elected for a term of four years
9 at the general election in 2000 and in subsequent elections;
10 and

11 (2) members of the house of representatives
12 shall be elected for a term of two years. [They]

13 B. Members of the legislature shall be elected on
14 the day provided by law for holding the general election of
15 state officers or representatives in congress.

16 C. If a vacancy occurs in the office of senator or
17 member of the house of representatives, for any reason, the
18 county commissioners of the county wherein the vacancy occurs
19 shall fill such vacancy by appointment.

20 D. Such legislative appointments as provided in
21 this section shall be for a term ending on December 31,
22 subsequent to the next succeeding general election."

23 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
24 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
25 rejection at the next general election or at any special

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1 election prior to that date which may be called for that
2 purpose.

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7 Mr. President:

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14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
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Yes: 5

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Excused: Altamirano, Aragon, Gorham

Absent: 0

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11 No: Smith, Robinson

12 Excused: Garcia, Ingle, Rodarte, Vernon

13 Absent: None

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