

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18  
2 44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION  
11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 8, SECTION 5 OF THE  
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF WAR-  
13 TIME SERVICE FOR A VETERAN TO RECEIVE A PROPERTY TAX  
14 EXEMPTION.  
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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 8, Section 5  
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "The legislature shall exempt from taxation the property  
20 of each head of the family to the amount of two thousand  
21 dollars (\$2,000) as follows: in 1989, the legislature shall  
22 exempt from taxation eight hundred dollars (\$800), in 1991,  
23 one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) and beginning in  
24 1993, two thousand dollars (\$2,000). The legislature shall  
25 also exempt from taxation the property, including the

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1 community or joint property of husband and wife, of every  
2 honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United  
3 States [~~who served in such armed forces during any period in~~  
4 ~~which they were or are engaged in armed conflict under orders~~  
5 ~~of the president of the United States]~~ and the widow or  
6 widower of every such honorably discharged member of the armed  
7 forces of the United States, in the sum of two thousand  
8 dollars (\$2,000). Provided, that in every case where exemption  
9 is claimed on the ground of the claimant's having served with  
10 the armed forces of the United States as aforesaid, the burden  
11 of proving actual and bona fide ownership of such property  
12 upon which exemption is claimed, shall be upon the claimant."

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