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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO BAR POLITICAL PARTIES AND
CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE FROM SOLICITING ABSENTEE
VOTING.**

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:**

**"Every citizen of the United States, who is over the age
of twenty-one years, and has resided in New Mexico twelve
months, in the county ninety days, and in the precinct in
which he offers to vote thirty days, next preceding the
election, except idiots, insane persons and persons convicted
of a felonious or infamous crime unless restored to political
rights, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public**

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1 officers. The legislature may enact laws providing for
2 absentee voting by qualified electors, provided that only the
3 voter may request an application for an absentee ballot from
4 the county clerk and only the county clerk's office may
5 provide the application to the voter. All school elections
6 shall be held at different times from other elections.

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

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