

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7
2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION
11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12, SECTION 13 OF THE
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ESTABLISH NOMINATING COMMITTEES
13 TO PROVIDE LISTS OF NOMINEES TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT OF
14 NONSTUDENT MEMBERS TO THE BOARDS OF REGENTS OF STATE
15 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.
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17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

18 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12, Section 13
19 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

20 "A. The legislature shall provide for the control
21 and management of each of the institutions, except the
22 university of New Mexico, by a board of regents for each
23 institution, consisting of five members, four of whom shall be
24 qualified electors of the state of New Mexico, one of whom
25 shall be a member of the student body of the institution and no

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1 more than three of whom at the time of their appointment shall
2 be members of the same political party; provided, however, that
3 the student body member provision in this subsection shall not
4 apply to the New Mexico school for the deaf, the New Mexico
5 military institute or the New Mexico school for the blind and
6 visually impaired, and for each of those three institutions all
7 five members of the board of regents shall be qualified
8 electors of the state of New Mexico.

9 B. The governor shall nominate from a list of names
10 provided by a nominating committee for each institution, as
11 provided by law, and by and with the consent of the senate
12 shall appoint the members of each board of regents for each of
13 the institutions. The terms of nonstudent members shall be for
14 staggered terms of six years, and the terms of student members
15 shall be two years.

16 C. The governor shall select, with the advice and
17 consent of the senate, a student member from a list provided by
18 the president of the institution. In making the list, the
19 president of the institution shall give due consideration to
20 the recommendations of the student body president of the
21 institution. ~~[Following the approval by the voters of this~~
22 ~~2014 amendment and upon the first vacancy of a position on the~~
23 ~~northern New Mexico state school board of regents, the governor~~
24 ~~shall nominate and by and with the consent of the senate shall~~
25 ~~appoint a student member to serve a two-year term.]~~

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1 D. The legislature shall provide for the control
2 and management of the university of New Mexico by a board of
3 regents consisting of seven members, six of whom shall be
4 qualified electors of the state of New Mexico, one of whom
5 shall be a member of the student body of the university of New
6 Mexico and no more than four of whom at the time of their
7 appointment shall be members of the same political party. The
8 governor shall nominate from a list of names provided by a
9 nominating committee of the university, as provided by law, and
10 by and with the consent of the senate shall appoint the members
11 of the board of regents. ~~[The present five members shall serve~~
12 ~~out their present terms. The two additional members shall be~~
13 ~~appointed in 1987 for terms of six years. Following the~~
14 ~~approval by the voters of this amendment and upon the first~~
15 ~~vacancy of a position held by a nonstudent member on the~~
16 ~~university of New Mexico's board of regents, the governor shall~~
17 ~~nominate and by and with the consent of the senate shall~~
18 ~~appoint a student member to serve a two-year term.]~~ The
19 governor shall select, with the advice and consent of the
20 senate, a student member from a list provided by the president
21 of the university of New Mexico. In making the list, the
22 president of the university of New Mexico shall give due
23 consideration to the recommendations of the student body
24 president of the university.

25 E. Members of the board shall not be removed except

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1 for incompetence, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.
2 Provided, however, no removal shall be made without notice of
3 hearing and an opportunity to be heard having first been given
4 such member. The supreme court of the state of New Mexico is
5 hereby given exclusive original jurisdiction over proceedings
6 to remove members of the board under such rules as it may
7 promulgate, and its decision in connection with such matters
8 shall be final.

9 F. The legislature shall provide by law for a
10 nominating committee for each state educational institution
11 enumerated in Article 12, Section 11 of this constitution to
12 provide the governor a list of nominees for appointment of
13 nonstudent members to the boards of regents of those
14 institutions. The legislature shall provide by law for the
15 appointment, terms, powers and duties of a nominating
16 committee; provided that no more than fifty percent of the
17 members of a nominating committee shall be members of the same
18 political party."

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