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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO CONDUCT RUNOFF
ELECTIONS.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 7, Section 5
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. All elections shall be by ballot [~~and~~]. The
person who receives the highest number of votes for any
office, except as provided in Subsection B of this section,
and except in the cases of the offices of governor and
lieutenant governor, shall be declared elected [~~thereto~~] to
that office. The joint candidates receiving the highest
number of votes for the offices of governor and lieutenant
governor shall be declared elected to those offices.

B. A municipality may, by ordinance, provide for

underscored material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 runoff elections."

2 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
3 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
4 rejection at the next general election or at any special
5 election prior to that date which may be called for that
6 purpose.

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