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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15
46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004
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A JOINT RESOLUTION
PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE PERSONS TO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION WHEN
VOTING IN AN ELECTION.

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 officers. The legislature may enact laws providing for

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1 absentee voting by qualified electors. All school elections
2 shall be held at different times from other elections.

3 The legislature shall have the power to require the
4 registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for
5 voting, and shall regulate the manner, time and places of
6 voting. A qualified elector shall present a current and valid
7 form of identification before being allowed to vote in an
8 election. Acceptable forms of identification include a current
9 and valid photo identification, utility bill, bank statement,
10 government check, paycheck or other government document that
11 shows the name and address of the applicant. The legislature
12 shall enact such laws as will secure the secrecy of the ballot,
13 the purity of elections and guard against the abuse of elective
14 franchise. Not more than two members of the board of
15 registration, and not more than two judges of election shall
16 belong to the same political party at the time of their
17 appointment. "

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