SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11, SECTION 1 OF THE

CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 11, Section 1

of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"The "public regulation commission" is created. The

commission shall consist of five members. Three of the members

shall be elected from the federal congressional districts for

the house of representatives and as provided by law for

staggered four-year terms beginning on January 1 of the year

following their election; provided that those chosen at the

first general election after the adoption of this section shall

immediately classify themselves by lot, so that [two] one of

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1   them shall hold office for two years and [three] two of them

2   for four years; and further provided that, after serving two

3   terms, members shall be ineligible to hold office as a

4   commission member until one full term has intervened. Two

5   positions on the commission shall be filled by appointment of

6   the governor and confirmed by the senate with one appointee

7   being from each of the two largest political parties in the

8   state. At the first meeting after commissioners have been

9   elected, a chairman shall be elected by the commission from

10   among the commissioners. The chairman shall serve for two

11   years. No commissioner, [or] candidate or appointee for the

12   commission shall accept anything of value from a person or

13   entity whose charges for services to the public are regulated

14   by the commission."

15   Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution

16   shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

17   rejection at the next general election or at any special

18   election prior to that date that may be called for that

19   purpose.

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