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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

**PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 10, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
NEW MEXICO TO ELIMINATE TERM LIMITS OF ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS.**

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

**Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 10, Section 2
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:**

**"A. In every county all elected officials shall
serve four-year terms, subject to the provisions of Subsection
B of this section.**

**B. In those counties that prior to 1992 have not
had four-year terms for elected officials, the assessor,
sheriff and probate judge shall be elected to four-year terms
and the treasurer and clerk shall be elected to two-year terms
in the first election following the adoption of this amendment.
In subsequent elections, the treasurer and clerk shall be**

underscored material = new
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1 elected to four-year terms.

2 C. To provide for staggered county commission
3 terms, in counties with three county commissioners, the terms
4 of no more than two commissioners shall expire in the same
5 year; and in counties with five county commissioners, the terms
6 of no more than three commissioners shall expire in the same
7 year.

8 ~~[D. All county officers, after having served two~~
9 ~~consecutive four-year terms, shall be ineligible to hold any~~
10 ~~county office for two years thereafter.]"~~

11 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
12 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
13 rejection at the next general election or at any special
14 election prior to that date that may be called for that
15 purpose.