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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 10, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW A COUNTY'S VOTERS TO CHOOSE TO CHANGE OR  
ELIMINATE TERM LIMITS FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS.

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.~~

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1 ~~In subsequent elections, the treasurer and clerk shall be~~  
2 ~~elected to four year terms.~~

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

9 ~~[D.]~~ C. All county officers, after having served  
10 two consecutive four-year terms, shall be ineligible to hold  
11 any county office for two years thereafter, unless this  
12 limitation is changed in accordance with the provisions of  
13 Subsection D of this section.

14 D. The board of county commissioners, by majority  
15 vote, may pass a resolution to submit to the voters of that  
16 county a proposal to change the term limits imposed by  
17 Subsection C of this section. The proposal may provide that  
18 the county either:

19 (1) eliminate the provision making county  
20 officials ineligible to hold any county office for two years  
21 after serving two consecutive terms; or

22 (2) increase the number of consecutive terms  
23 all county officers may serve before becoming ineligible to  
24 hold any county office for two years.

25 E. A proposal to change term limits shall be

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1 submitted to the registered voters of the county at the next  
2 general election following approval of the resolution. If a  
3 majority of those voting approves the proposal, county officers  
4 shall serve and be elected accordingly."

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

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