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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO
ALLOW VOTERS IN THE ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
CHOOSE TO HAVE A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD COMPOSED OF FOUR MEMBERS
ELECTED FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THREE MEMBERS
APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF ALBUQUERQUE AND CONFIRMED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL; REPEALING A SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION THAT
WOULD ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED
THOUSAND RESIDENTS TO HAVE A SEVEN-MEMBER BOARD ELECTED FROM
SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS.**

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

**Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12 of the
constitution of New Mexico by enacting a new section to read:**

**"A. In the Albuquerque public school district, the
qualified electors of the district may choose to have a local**

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1 school board composed of seven members, four of whom shall be
2 residents of and elected from single-member districts and
3 three of whom shall be residents of the school district and
4 appointed by the mayor of Albuquerque, and confirmed by the
5 city council.

6 B. In the first general election following the
7 adoption of this provision by the people, the question shall
8 be put to the qualified electors of the Albuquerque public
9 school district of whether to have a seven-member local school
10 board with four members elected from single-member districts
11 and three members appointed by the mayor of Albuquerque, and
12 confirmed by the city council. If, at the election, the
13 question is not adopted, then, in the next succeeding general
14 election, the question shall again be put to the qualified
15 electors of the school district. If the question is not
16 adopted at the general election, the proposal shall not again
17 be presented to the qualified electors of the school district.

18 C. If, in an election held pursuant to Subsection
19 B of this section, the voters of the Albuquerque public school
20 district approve of a local school board with four elected
21 members and three appointed members, the four elected members
22 shall be elected in the first regular school district election
23 held after the July 1 following the approval by the voters.
24 On the March 1 following the regular school election, the
25 terms of the seven current board members shall expire and the

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1 terms of the four elected and three appointed members shall
2 commence.

3 D. The legislature shall enact such laws as are
4 necessary to implement the provisions of this section if the
5 voters of the Albuquerque public school district approve of a
6 local school board with four elected members and three
7 appointed members, including:

8 (1) procedures for determining the boundaries
9 of the single-member districts;

10 (2) procedures for determining the terms of
11 members elected to the local school board; and

12 (3) qualifications for the members appointed
13 by the mayor and confirmed by the city council."

14 Section 2. It is proposed to amend Article 12 of the
15 constitution of New Mexico by repealing Section 15.

16 Section 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution
17 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
18 rejection at the next general election or at any special
19 election prior to that date that may be called for that
20 purpose.