

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO BY CREATING A STATE LANDS OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE PROPOSED SALES OR TRADES OF STATE LAND AND TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE PROPOSED SURFACE LEASES OF STATE LAND FOR PLANNING OR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 13 of the constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

"A. The "state lands oversight commission" is created. The state lands oversight commission shall consist of:

- (1) the state auditor;
- (2) the attorney general;
- (3) the president pro tempore of the senate;

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1 (4) the speaker of the house of
2 representatives;

3 (5) two members of the public appointed by the
4 governor; and

5 (6) two members representing beneficiaries of
6 the state land trusts appointed by the governor.

7 B. The appointed members shall be appointed for
8 terms of four years, except that, of the initial appointees,
9 two shall be appointed for a term of two years and the other
10 two shall be appointed for a term of three years. An appointed
11 member shall only be removed as provided by law.

12 C. The state lands oversight commission shall
13 review and approve or disapprove proposed sales or trades of
14 state land and shall review and approve or disapprove proposed
15 surface leases of state land for planning or development
16 purposes. No sale or trade of state land and no surface lease
17 of state land for planning or development purposes shall be
18 effective until the sale, trade or lease is approved by the
19 state lands oversight commission.

20 D. This section is self-executing, but the
21 legislature shall, by law, provide procedures for its
22 implementation.

23 E. The effective date of the provisions of this
24 section is the January 1 following its adoption by the people."

25 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution

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1 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
2 rejection at the next general election or at any special
3 election prior to that date that may be called for that
4 purpose.

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