

A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11, SECTION 1 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO INCREASE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR
PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSIONERS.

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 elected from
districts 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 of them shall hold office for
two years and three of them for four years; and further
provided that, after serving two terms, members shall be
ineligible to hold office as a commission member until one
full term has intervened. The legislature shall provide, by
law, increased qualifications for commissioners and continuing
education requirements for commissioners. The increased
qualifications provided by this 2012 amendment shall apply to
public regulation commissioners elected at the general
election in 2014 and subsequent elections and to commissioners
appointed to fill a vacancy at any time after July 1, 2013.

No commissioner or candidate for the commission shall accept anything of value from a person or entity whose charges for services to the public are regulated by the commission."

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