

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE A
12 MINIMUM FUNDING LEVEL FOR OPERATIONS OF THE STATE AUDITOR,
13 INCLUDING THE CONDUCTING OF FINANCIAL AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS
14 OF THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT
15 RECEIVE AND EXPEND PUBLIC MONEY.

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

18 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 5 of the
19 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

20 "In order to provide adequate funding necessary for the
21 state auditor to independently perform the duties of office
22 without undue influence, an amount equal to at least two-tenths
23 of one percent of the annual appropriations in the general
24 appropriation act shall be appropriated each fiscal year to the
25 state auditor. Appropriations to the state auditor shall fund

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1 the operation of the office, including the conduct of financial
2 audits, special audits and investigations of the financial
3 affairs and transactions of government agencies that receive or
4 expend public money and such other duties as provided by law.
5 The amount of the appropriation to the state auditor shall be
6 based on the amount of general fund appropriations in the
7 general appropriation act for the fiscal year immediately
8 preceding the fiscal year for which the appropriation is being
9 made."

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

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