

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 8, SECTION 5 OF THE
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX
13 EXEMPTION FOR AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OR THE VETERAN'S
14 WIDOW OR WIDOWER FROM FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000) TO EIGHT
15 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,000).

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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 8, Section 5
19 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

20 "The legislature shall exempt from taxation the property
21 of each head of the family in the amount of two thousand
22 dollars (\$2,000). The legislature shall also exempt from
23 taxation the property, including the community or joint
24 property of husband and wife, of every honorably discharged
25 member of the armed forces of the United States and the widow

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1 or widower of every such honorably discharged member of the
2 armed forces of the United States, in the sum of three thousand
3 dollars (\$3,000) in 2004; three thousand five hundred dollars
4 (\$3,500) in 2005; ~~and~~ four thousand dollars (\$4,000) in 2006;
5 and eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) in 2017 and each subsequent
6 year. Provided, that in every case where exemption is claimed
7 on the ground of the claimant's having served with the armed
8 forces of the United States as aforesaid, the burden of proving
9 actual and bona fide ownership of such property upon which
10 exemption is claimed, shall be upon the claimant."

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