

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5, SECTION 1 OF THE
12 CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF
13 STATE IS ELECTED IN A NONPARTISAN ELECTION IN ODD-NUMBERED
14 YEARS.

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

17 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 5, Section 1
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "The executive department shall consist of a governor,
20 lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state
21 treasurer, attorney general and commissioner of public lands,
22 who shall, unless otherwise provided in the constitution of New
23 Mexico, be elected for terms of four years beginning on the
24 first day of January next after their election. The governor
25 and lieutenant governor shall be elected jointly by the casting

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1 by each voter of a single vote applicable to both offices.
2 Following adoption of this 2020 amendment, the secretary of
3 state shall next be elected in a nonpartisan election in 2023
4 and every four years thereafter in a nonpartisan election, as
5 provided by law.

6 Such officers shall, after having served two terms in a
7 state office, be ineligible to hold that state office until one
8 full term has intervened.

9 The officers of the executive department, except the
10 lieutenant governor, shall during their terms of office, reside
11 and keep the public records, books, papers and seals of office
12 at the seat of government.

13 ~~[Upon the adoption of this amendment by the people, the~~
14 ~~terms provided for in this section shall apply to those~~
15 ~~officers elected at the general election in 1990 and all state~~
16 ~~executive officers elected thereafter.]"~~

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