

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO BY ADDING A
12 NEW SECTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A CHILDREN, YOUTH
13 AND FAMILIES COMMISSION AND AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DIRECT THE
14 ACTIVITIES OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT, AS
15 PROVIDED BY LAW.
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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 the constitution of
19 New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

20 "A. The "children, youth and families commission"
21 and "children, youth and families department" are created and
22 shall each have such powers and duties as provided by law.

23 B. Beginning January 1, 2026, the children, youth
24 and families commission shall consist of three members who
25 shall be appointed for six-year terms. The governor, the

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1 president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the
2 house of representatives shall each appoint one member as
3 provided by law. For the initial appointment of commission
4 members, one member appointed by the governor shall be
5 appointed for a term of two years, one member appointed by the
6 speaker of the house of representatives shall be appointed for
7 a term of four years and one member appointed by the president
8 pro tempore of the senate shall be appointed for a term of six
9 years. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled by the
10 original appointing authority, and a person appointed to fill a
11 vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
12 Members of the children, youth and families commission shall
13 only be removed as provided by law.

14 C. The legislature shall provide by law for
15 professional qualifications for members of the children, youth
16 and families commission.

17 D. Beginning July 1, 2026, the children, youth and
18 families commission shall hire an executive director to oversee
19 the children, youth and families department."

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