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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5**  
**42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,**  
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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**  
**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW**  
**MEXICO ADDING A NEW SECTION 16 TO REQUIRE THAT NOT LESS THAN**  
**FIFTY PERCENT OF ALL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE**  
**OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT BE MADE FOR SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC**  
**SCHOOLS.**

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

**Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12 of the**  
**constitution of New Mexico by adding a new Section 16 to read:**

**"The legislature shall appropriate annually for the support**  
**of a uniform system of free public schools not less than fifty**  
**percent of all general fund appropriations for the operation of**  
**government in the subsequent fiscal year."**

**Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall**

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1 be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at  
2 the next general election or at any special election prior to  
3 that date which may be called for that purpose.

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