SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE A RUNOFF ELECTION IN THE CONTEST FOR MAYOR OF THE STATE CAPITAL.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 10 of the constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

"Notwithstanding any other provision in this constitution, no candidate for mayor of an incorporated municipality having a mayor-council form of government, which municipality is the capital of the state, shall be deemed elected by a plurality of votes cast that are less than a simple majority. In the absence of the majority, the two candidates having the largest plurality of votes shall be candidates in a runoff election."

Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall

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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Mr. President:

Your **RULES COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with

recommendation that it **DO NOT PASS**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Howes, Chairman

Adopted_____   Not Adopted_____

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6   The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

7   Yes: 6

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9   Excused: Altamirano, Gorham

10   Absent: None

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