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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10
43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997
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A JOINT RESOLUTION
PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO
BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 43 TO AUTHORIZE AN INITIATIVE PROCESS
FOR STATE LAWS OR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4 of the
constitution of New Mexico by adding a new Section 43 to read:

"A. The people reserve the power of initiative to
amend the constitution and laws of the state.

B. The initiative is the power of the people to
propose amendments to the constitution and laws of New Mexico
and to adopt or reject them. A constitutional amendment
proposed by initiative shall require a petition signed by not
less than ten percent of the registered qualified electors of
the state, and a statutory amendment proposed by initiative

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1 shall require a petition signed by not less than five percent of
2 the registered qualified electors of the state. The petition
3 containing the text of the proposed amendment and the names and
4 addresses of its sponsors shall be filed with the secretary of
5 state at least four months prior to the next general election.
6 The question of whether to approve or reject the amendment shall
7 be submitted to the voters by the secretary of state at the next
8 general election or at any special statewide election called for
9 that purpose and held prior to the general election. An
10 initiative approved by a majority of voters voting on the
11 question shall take effect the day after certification of the
12 election results by the state canvassing board, unless the
13 amendment provides for a later effective date. No initiative
14 shall direct appropriations, create public debt, provide for
15 local or special laws or embrace more than one subject."

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