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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

ROD ADAIR

A JOINT RESOLUTION

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 3 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO DISQUALIFY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
FROM SERVING AS STATE LEGISLATORS.**

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

**Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 4, Section 3
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:**

**"A. Senators shall not be less than twenty-five
years of age and representatives not less than twenty-one
years of age at the time of their election. If any senator or
representative permanently removes his residence from or
maintains no residence in the district from which he was
elected, then he shall be deemed to have resigned and his
successor shall be selected as provided in Section 4 of this
article. No person shall be eligible to serve in the**

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1 legislature who, at the time of qualifying, [~~holds any office~~
2 ~~of trust or profit with the~~] is a state, county or national
3 [~~governments~~] government employee, except notaries public and
4 officers of the militia who receive no salary. For the
5 purpose of this provision, public school district employees
6 shall be considered "state government employees".

7 B. The senate shall be composed of no more than
8 forty-two members elected from single-member districts.

9 C. The house of representatives shall be composed
10 of no more than seventy members elected from single-member
11 districts.

12 D. Once following publication of the official
13 report of each federal decennial census hereafter conducted,
14 the legislature may by statute reapportion its membership. "

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

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
15 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

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17 Respectfully submitted,

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24 Gloria Howes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 3 For 2 Against

Yes: 3

No: Campos, Howes

Excused: Altamirano, Aragon, Rodarte

Absent: None

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