A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO CONDUCT RUNOFF ELECTIONS.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 7, Section 5 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. All elections shall be by ballot. [and] The person who receives the highest number of votes for any office, except as provided in Subsection B of this section, and except in the cases of the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, shall be declared elected [thereto] to that office. The joint candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall be declared elected to those offices.

B. A municipality may, by ordinance, provide for

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1   <u>runoff elections.</u> "

2   Section 2.   The amendment proposed by this resolution

3   shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

4   rejection at the next general election or at any special

5   election prior to that date which may be called for that

6   purpose.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1998

February 4, 1998

Mr. President:

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

has had it under consideration and reports same with

recommendation that it **DO PASS**, and thence referred to the

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Howes, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was __6__ For __0__ Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Aragon, Campos

Absent: None

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24   **Shannon Robinson, Chairman**

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The roll call vote was <u>4</u> For <u>2</u> Against

Yes: 4

No: Rodarte, Robinson

Excused: Garcia, Vernon, Smith

Absent: None

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