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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17
44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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A JOINT RESOLUTION
PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4, SECTION 3 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE THAT NEW MEXICAN
TAXPAYERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DOUBLY COMPENSATE 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 state, county or national
3 governments, except notaries and officers of the militia who
4 receive no salary.

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

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

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

13 E. New Mexico taxpayers shall not be required to
14 doubly compensate members of the legislature. A legislator
15 shall not be paid a salary derived from general fund revenues
16 of the state of New Mexico and simultaneously receive per diem
17 or other compensation for legislative service. "

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