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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 20 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM
FOR VOLUNTARY PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS FOR THE
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SECRETARY OF STATE,
ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE AUDITOR, STATE TREASURER, COMMISSIONER
OF PUBLIC LANDS, STATE SENATOR, STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION, JUDGE AND
JUSTICE.

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

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 20 of the
constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

"A. The legislature shall establish by law a
system of voluntary public financing of election campaigns for
candidates running for governor, lieutenant governor,

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1 secretary of state, attorney general, state auditor, state
2 treasurer, commissioner of public lands, state senator, state
3 representative, commissioner of the public regulation
4 commission, judge and justice.

5 B. The legislature may phase in the system of
6 financing of election campaigns by providing that the option
7 of public financing of election campaigns be offered at least
8 to candidates for attorney general and judgeships beginning in
9 the primary and general election of 2002; to candidates for
10 state senator and state representative beginning in the
11 primary and general elections of 2004; and to candidates for
12 governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state
13 auditor, state treasurer, commissioner of public lands and
14 commissioner of the public regulation commission beginning in
15 the primary and general elections of 2006.

16 C. A system of public financing of election
17 campaigns shall provide reasonable standards for candidates'
18 participation, contribution limits and expenditure limits."

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

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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18 Respectfully submitted,

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24 Gloria Howes, Co-Chair

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9 The roll call vote was 4 For 1 Against

10 Yes: 4

11 No: Kysar

12 Excused: Adair, Altamirano, Gorham

13 Absent: None

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