

RESOLVING CLAUSE: This is mandatory for the resolution and should be an exact copy and start two lines below the end of the title.

EXAMPLE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE NEW MEXICO STATERS:

SECTIONS: This is mandatory in a resolution and states the reasoning for the proposed constitutional amendment. Only one amendment per resolution as voters must vote to approve any amendments passed. You can amend an existing section, add a new section, repeal an existing section, or repeal an existing section and add new.

EXAMPLE 1 – Amending Existing Section – Underlining the changes:

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 16, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

“All county officers, except county sheriffs, shall be elected for a term of two years...”

EXAMPLE 2 – Adding New Section:

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12 of the constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

“Any elected local school board member...”

EXAMPLE 3 – Repealing Existing Section:

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12 of the constitution of New Mexico by repealing Section 3.

EXAMPLE 4 – Repealing Existing Section and Adding New:

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 26 of the constitution of New Mexico by repealing Section 4 and adding a new Section 4 to read:

“Each county sheriff shall maintain an office at the county seat of the sheriff’s county.”

ELECTION SECTION: No matter how many sections presented in the resolution they are considered one amendment. This last section is mandatory and uses the following standard language.

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

INSTRUCTIONS