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## Editor's Note

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*In November of last year, the New Mexico voters endorsed the call of the constitutional convention two to one. Convention delegates thus are given the clearest mandate to buckle down to the sensitive task of revising the basic document of the State of New Mexico.*

*For this acid test of New Mexico's political maturity, representatives from widely differing backgrounds must cooperate to attain a proper balance between conflicting and sometimes equally meritorious policies. Some constitutional provisions have served us well, and should be kept. Others have caused anguish, delay and unnecessary expense by blocking legitimate state activity and must be excised or thoroughly revised.*

*Careful thought must be given to the proper function of a constitution, and a balance struck between fundamental constitutional law of the state and half-baked solutions to problems as yet dimly seen. Government must be given a generous pinch of flexibility to encourage creative responses to these latter problems.*

*Delegates to the convention bear a heavy burden. Although there is much experience from other states in constitutional revision in the past ten years, New Mexico's constitution has not been revised since it was written sixty years ago.*

*To aid the convention in its deliberations, the New Mexico Section of the Natural Resources Journal for this issue deals exclusively with constitutional revision. Student comments in this section are based on recommendations in the 1967 Report of the Constitutional Revision Commission.*

*This symposium is not intended to cover the field of constitutional revision. We sincerely hope, however, that the comments will be of assistance to those considering revision of the particular areas covered.*

*The Board of Editors of the Natural Resources Journal cordially invites individual representatives and the convention as a whole to call on us for any assistance within our power, not only on comment subjects, but in other areas in which we might be of help.*

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