

HOUSE BILL 127

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TRADITIONAL HISTORIC COMMUNITIES; REVISING
QUALIFICATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3-7-1.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995,
Chapter 170, Section 5 and Laws 1995, Chapter 211, Section 4)
is amended to read:

"3-7-1.1. TRADITIONAL HISTORIC COMMUNITY--QUALIFICATIONS--
ANNEXATION RESTRICTIONS.--

A. To qualify as a traditional historic community,
an area shall:

(1) be an unincorporated area of a class A
county with a population between one hundred forty thousand and
two hundred thousand, based on the most recent federal
decennial census, or a class B county with a population between

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1 ~~[ninety-five thousand]~~ thirty thousand and ~~[ninety-nine~~
2 ~~thousand five hundred]~~ forty thousand, based on the [~~1990~~] most
3 recent federal decennial census;

4 (2) be an identifiable village, community,
5 neighborhood or district that can be documented as having
6 existed for more than one hundred years;

7 (3) include structures or landmarks that are
8 associated with the identity of the specific village,
9 community, neighborhood or district seeking designation as a
10 traditional historic community;

11 (4) have a distinctive character or
12 traditional quality that can be distinguished from surrounding
13 areas or new developments in the vicinity; and

14 (5) be declared a traditional historic
15 community by an ordinance of the board of county commissioners
16 of the county in which the petitioning village, community,
17 neighborhood or district is located.

18 B. A traditional historic community may be annexed
19 by a municipality only by petition of a majority of the
20 registered qualified electors of the territory within the
21 traditional historic community proposed to be annexed by the
22 municipality or by the arbitration method of annexation only
23 upon petition of a majority of the registered qualified
24 electors of the territory within the traditional historic
25 community."

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SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.