

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

HOUSE BILL 827

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

INTRODUCED BY

Danice R. Picraux

AN ACT

**RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING VOTER IDENTIFICATION BY
SIGNATURE VERIFICATION; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

**Section 1. A new section of the Election Code, Section
1-12-8.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:**

**"1-12-8.1. [NEW MATERIAL] VOTER IDENTIFICATION BY
SIGNATURE VERIFICATION--PROCEDURE--EXEMPTIONS.--**

**A. The signature rosters at each polling place
shall contain digital facsimile signatures of each registered
voter on the roster.**

**B. Each voter shall sign the signature roster
before casting a ballot on election day. If the actual
signature of a voter on election day is significantly at
variance from the digital facsimile signature on the signature**

~~underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete~~

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 roster and no member of the precinct board has personal
2 knowledge of the identity of the voter, the voter shall vote
3 on an emergency paper ballot.

4 C. In determining the validity of a signature, the
5 precinct board may consider factors such as the age or
6 disability of the voter.

7 D. A voter qualifying for assistance pursuant to
8 Section 1-12-12 NMSA 1978 is exempt from the requirements of
9 this section.

10 E. Counties with digital facsimile signature
11 capability shall comply with the provisions of this section
12 commencing with the 2002 primary election. All counties shall
13 comply with the provisions of this section on or before the
14 2004 primary election. "

15 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Two hundred fifty thousand
16 dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to
17 the secretary of state for expenditure in fiscal years 2002
18 and 2003 to assist counties in purchasing digital facsimile
19 signature scanners. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
20 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the
21 general fund.