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SENATE BILL 746

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

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM TO ELECT
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.**

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

**Section 1. Section 1-15-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
Chapter 240, Section 354) is amended to read:**

"1-15-4. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS-- ELECTION. --

**A. The names of the presidential elector nominees
shall not be placed upon the general election ballot; instead,
the secretary of state shall certify to the county clerks the
names of persons nominated by each qualified political party
for the offices of president and vice president of the United
States.**

**B. The names of [~~such~~] the nominees for president
and vice president for each qualified political party shall be**

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1 printed together in pairs upon the general election ballot. A
2 vote for any [~~such~~] pair of nominees shall be a vote for the
3 presidential electors of the political party by which [~~such~~]
4 the nominees were named.

5 ~~[C.—The presidential elector nominees of the party~~
6 ~~whose nominees for president and vice president receive the~~
7 ~~highest number of votes at the general election shall be the~~
8 ~~elected presidential electors for this state, and each shall~~
9 ~~be granted a certificate of election by the state canvassing~~
10 ~~board.]~~

11 C. Beginning in 2004, presidential electors shall
12 be elected as follows:

13 (1) one presidential elector shall be elected
14 from each congressional district and two shall be elected at
15 large;

16 (2) the at-large presidential elector
17 nominees of the party whose nominees for president and vice
18 president receive the highest number of votes statewide in the
19 general election shall be the elected at-large presidential
20 electors; and

21 (3) in each congressional district, the
22 presidential elector nominee of the party whose nominees for
23 president and vice president receive the highest number of
24 votes in that congressional district in the general election
25 shall be the elected presidential elector from that district.

1 D. Each presidential elector elected pursuant to
2 Subsection C of this section shall be granted a certificate of
3 election by the state canvassing board."

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