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SENATE BILL 287

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ALLOWING BRANCH COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ELECT BOARD MEMBERS FROM DISTRICTS.

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

Section 1. BRANCH COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD--OPTIONAL FORM.--

A. The branch community college board of any branch community college may, by adoption of a resolution, establish a governing board composed of five members elected from single-member districts within the branch community collage district for staggered terms. The single-member districts shall be compact and contiguous and composed of populations as equal as practicable. Members shall be required to reside in the districts from which elected. If a member no longer resides in the election district from which that member was

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1 elected, the member shall be deemed to have resigned and the
2 vacancy created by the resignation shall be filled in the
3 manner provided by law for the filling of vacancies on the
4 board of a branch community college.

5 B. The board members shall draw lots to determine
6 which board position will coincide with which election district
7 during the meeting at which the board is resolved to change to
8 a districted board.

9 C. The board shall redistrict once after each
10 federal decennial census. The board may adopt a resolution to
11 have the board's election districts coincide with the county
12 commission districts if the county commission has five
13 districts and the boundaries of the county and branch community
14 college district are identical.