HOUSE FLOOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 749

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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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 B county with a population between ninety-five thousand and ninety-nine thousand five hundred, based on the 1990 federal decennial census or be an unincorporated area of a class B .168975.1

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- (2) be an identifiable village, community, neighborhood or district that can be documented as having existed for more than one hundred years;
- include structures or landmarks that are (3) associated with the identity of the specific village, community, neighborhood or district seeking designation as a traditional historic community;
- (4) have a distinctive character or traditional quality that can be distinguished from surrounding areas or new developments in the vicinity; and
- be declared a traditional historic (5) community by an ordinance of the board of county commissioners of the county in which the petitioning village, community, neighborhood or district is located.
- A traditional historic community may be annexed by a municipality only by petition of a majority of the [registered qualified electors] voters of the territory within the traditional historic community proposed to be annexed by the municipality or by the arbitration method of annexation only upon petition of a majority of the [registered qualified electors] voters of the territory within the traditional historic community."

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