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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING THAT A CANDIDATE WHO SEEKS  
TO WITHDRAW FROM CANDIDACY FILE A SIGNED AND NOTARIZED  
STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

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

Section 1. Section 1-8-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975,  
Chapter 255, Section 104) is amended to read:

"1-8-9. GENERAL ELECTION--WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATES.--No  
candidate shall withdraw from a general election unless the  
candidate withdraws at least sixty-three days prior to that  
election and the candidate files a signed and notarized  
statement of withdrawal with the secretary of state."

Section 2. Section 1-8-44 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,  
Chapter 240, Section 182, as amended) is amended to read:

"1-8-44. PRIMARY ELECTION LAW--WITHDRAWAL OF  
CANDIDATES.--A candidate seeking to withdraw from a primary  
election shall withdraw no later than the first Tuesday in  
April before that primary election by filing a signed and  
notarized statement of withdrawal with the secretary of  
state."