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HOUSE BILL 249

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; ALLOWING COMMUNITY COLLEGE ELECTIONS TO
BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 21-13-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1963,
Chapter 17, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-13-8. COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD.--

A. Community college board members shall be over
twenty-one years of age, qualified electors and residents of
the community college district.

B. Community college board members shall be elected
for staggered terms of six years [~~from~~] beginning on April 1
succeeding their elections [~~provided that terms and staggering~~
~~shall continue to be as they are on January 1, 1998~~].

Elections shall be held:

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1 (1) in conjunction with regular school
2 district elections on the first Tuesday of February in each
3 odd-numbered year if the community college board and school
4 board agree to hold their elections at the same time; or

5 (2) on the date otherwise prescribed by the
6 Community College Act.

7 C. All vacancies caused in any other manner than by
8 the expiration of the term of office shall be filled by
9 appointment by the remaining members. An individual appointed
10 by the remaining members of the board to fill a vacancy in
11 office shall serve until the next community college board
12 election, at which time candidates shall file for and be
13 elected to fill the vacant position to serve the remainder of
14 the unexpired term.

15 [~~C.~~] D. A community college board shall select from
16 its members a [~~chairman~~] chair and secretary who shall serve in
17 these offices until the next regular community college board
18 election. After each community college board election, the
19 members shall proceed to reorganize."

20 Section 2. Section 21-13-18.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,
21 Chapter 75, Section 3) is amended to read:

22 "21-13-18.1. REGULAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE ELECTION--
23 RESOLUTION--PUBLICATION.--

24 A. The community college board shall issue a
25 resolution in English and Spanish calling for a regular

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1 community college election within the community college
2 district on the date prescribed by the Community College Act.
3 The resolution shall be filed with each county clerk in the
4 community college district on the third Friday in December or,
5 if the election is held in conjunction with a school district
6 election, the last Tuesday in November of each even-numbered
7 year.

8 B. The resolution shall specify:

- 9 (1) the date the election will be held;
10 (2) the positions on the board to be filled;
11 (3) the date on which declarations of
12 candidacy are to be filed;
13 (4) the date on which declarations of intent
14 to be a write-in candidate are to be filed;
15 (5) any questions to be submitted to the
16 voters;
17 (6) the precincts in each county in which the
18 election is to be held and the location of each polling place;
19 (7) the hours each polling place will be open;
20 and
21 (8) the date and time of the closing of the
22 registration books by the county clerks as required by law.

23 C. In the event that only one candidate files a
24 declaration of candidacy for each position to be filled at an
25 election and no declared write-in candidates have filed for any

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1 position in which there is any other candidate and there are no
2 questions or bond issues on the ballot, only one polling place
3 for the election shall be designated and it shall be in the
4 office of the county clerk of the county in which the community
5 college is located.

6 D. In any election held under the Community College
7 Act, the county clerk shall perform the duties of the precinct
8 board and no other precinct board shall be appointed."

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