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SENATE BILL 41

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO REDISTRICTING; PROVIDING FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF
CERTAIN PRECINCT BOUNDARIES IN BERNALILLO COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--ADJUSTMENT OF PRECINCT
BOUNDARIES.--

A. The legislature finds that:

(1) New Mexico has a guideline that a precinct
is the building block of a district;

(2) the Precinct Boundary Adjustment Act
requires precinct boundaries to coincide with existing
political boundaries whenever possible;

(3) moving the current precinct boundary of
Bernalillo county precinct 93 to coincide with the northern
boundary of the Pueblo of Isleta would comply with the

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1 requirements of the Precinct Boundary Adjustment Act;

2 (4) there are currently no persons residing in
3 the area between Bernalillo county precinct 258, which shares
4 its boundary with Bernalillo county precinct 93 in the current
5 configuration, and the northern boundary of the Pueblo of
6 Isleta;

7 (5) moving the boundary of Bernalillo county
8 precinct 93 will therefore not affect the population of any
9 electoral district created during the 2011 redistricting cycle;

10 (6) planned development of Mesa del Sol, which
11 is located in the area of Bernalillo county precinct 93 north
12 of the northern boundary of the Pueblo of Isleta, will result
13 in a large increase in the population of this area, which could
14 dilute the voting strength of the pueblo over the next ten
15 years; and

16 (7) removing the area containing the Mesa del
17 Sol development from Bernalillo county precinct 93 and placing
18 it in an adjoining precinct will preserve the status of
19 Bernalillo county precinct 93 as a pueblo precinct.

20 B. Pursuant to Section 1-3-13 NMSA 1978, the
21 secretary of state shall direct the board of county
22 commissioners of Bernalillo county to take the following
23 actions by resolution of the board no later than January 1,
24 2012:

25 (1) transfer that portion of current

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1 Bernalillo county precinct 93 that is located east of state
2 highway 47 and north of the northern boundary of the Pueblo of
3 Isleta to any adjacent precincts and adjust those precinct
4 boundaries accordingly; and

5 (2) adjust the northern boundary of Bernalillo
6 county precinct 93 to coincide with the northern boundary of
7 the Pueblo of Isleta running east of state highway 47 to its
8 intersection with the western boundary of Bernalillo county
9 precinct 552.

10 C. For the purposes of Subsection D of Section
11 1-3-12 NMSA 1978 and state and congressional districts drawn
12 following the 2010 federal decennial census, the changes to
13 precinct boundaries required by this section shall be deemed to
14 have been revised and approved as of August 31, 2011.

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