SENATE BILL 276

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING BALLOTS TO ALLOW FOR STRAIGHT
PARTY TICKET VOTING; ALLOWING CROSSOVER VOTING.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 1, Article 10 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] BALLOTS--STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING OPTION.--

A. In a general election in which more than one
qualified political party is represented on the ballot, the
ballot shall be designed to allow the voter to vote for all of
a qualified party's slate of candidates on the ballot by
marking a single straight party option for that party's slate
of candidates.

B. The ballot shall provide the straight party
option for each qualified political party with candidates in

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two or more statewide contests for state office.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1-1-5.2 NMSA 1978,

when a voter selects the straight party option, a vote shall be

automatically cast for the candidate of the party chosen in

each partisan contest in which the party has a candidate and in

which the voter does not cast a vote for a different candidate

in that contest."

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