

1 HOUSE BILL 217

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PERMITTING PERSONS SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN
12 YEARS OF AGE TO BE QUALIFIED ELECTORS; REPEALING SECTIONS OF
13 THE NMSA 1978.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 1-1-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
17 Chapter 240, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "1-1-4. QUALIFIED ELECTOR.--

19 A. As used in the Election Code and rules
20 promulgated by the secretary of state, "qualified elector"
21 means any resident of this state who is qualified to vote under
22 the provisions of the constitution of New Mexico and the
23 constitution of the United States and includes any ~~[qualified]~~
24 resident who is at least sixteen years of age.

25 B. As used in all other statutes and rules of New

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1 Mexico, unless otherwise defined, "qualified elector" means a
2 "voter" as that term is defined in Section 1-1-5 NMSA 1978."

3 SECTION 2. REPEAL.--Sections 1-1-5.10 and 1-4-2 NMSA 1978
4 (being Laws 2019, Chapter 212, Section 15 and Laws 1969,
5 Chapter 240, Section 60, as amended) are repealed.

6 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
7 provisions of this act is January 1, 2024.