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10	AN ACT			
11	RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING A COURT TO RENDER A DECISION			
12	WITHIN TEN DAYS ON A PETITION FILED BY A CANDIDATE WHO WAS			
13	DISQUALIFIED FROM THE BALLOT; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE PRIMARY			
14	ELECTION LAW.			
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16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:			
17	Section 1. Section 1-8-26 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975,			
18	Chapter 295, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:			
19	"1-8-26. PRI MARY ELECTION LAW [DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY]			
20	TIME OF FILINGDOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR BALLOT			
21	CHALLENGE			
22	A. Declarations of candidacy by preprimary			
23	convention designation for any statewide office or for the			
24	office of United States representative and declarations of			
25	candidacy for retention of a justice of the supreme court or			

judge of the court of appeals shall be filed with the proper filing officer on the second Tuesday in February of each even-numbered year between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

- B. Declarations of candidacy for any other office and declarations of candidacy for retention for all affected district judicial offices shall be filed with the proper filing officer on the third Tuesday of March of each even-numbered year between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- C. Certificates of designation shall be submitted to the secretary of state on the first Tuesday following the preprimary convention at which the candidate's designation took place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- D. No candidate's name shall be placed on the ballot until the candidate has been notified in writing by the proper filing officer that the declaration of candidacy, the petition and the certificate of registration of the candidate on file are in proper order and that the candidate, based on [such] those documents, is qualified to have his name placed on the ballot. The proper filing officer shall mail [such] the notice no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday following the filing date.
- E. If a candidate is notified by the proper filing officer that he is not qualified to have his name appear on the ballot, the candidate may challenge that decision by filing a petition with the district court within ten days of the notification. The district court shall hear and render a

 $\underline{\text{decision on the matter within ten days after the petition is}}$ $\underline{\text{filed.}} \text{"}$

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FIRST SESSION, 1997

5 February 27, 1997

7 Mr. Speaker:

Your **VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Sandoval, Chairnan

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