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SENATE BILL 202

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

DIANNA J. DURAN

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING THE ELECTION CODE TO PROVIDE FOR
STUDENT MEMBERS ON A PRECINCT BOARD.

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

Section 1. Section 1-2-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
Chapter 240, Section 29, as amended) is amended to read:

"1-2-7. PRECINCT BOARD--QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS. --

A. In order to qualify as a member of the precinct
board, a person shall:

(1) be a resident of the representative
district and county in which the precinct where he is a voter is
located;

(2) be able to read and write;

(3) have the necessary capacity to carry out
his functions with acceptable skill and dispatch; and

1 (4) execute the precinct board member's oath of
2 office.

3 B. No person shall be qualified for appointment or
4 service on a precinct board:

5 (1) who is a candidate for any federal, state,
6 district or county office;

7 (2) who is a spouse, parent, child, brother or
8 sister of any candidate to be voted for at the election; or

9 (3) who is a sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal,
10 deputy marshal, state or municipal policeman.

11 C. For the purpose of increasing awareness of the
12 election process in the youth of our state, of the importance of
13 participating in that process and of the responsibilities of a
14 voter, a county clerk may appoint not more than two students to
15 serve under the direct supervision of the presiding judge of a
16 precinct designated by the county clerk. A student appointed
17 by the county clerk shall:

18 (1) meet the qualifications set forth in
19 Subsection A of this section except the student need not be
20 eligible to vote;

21 (2) have the approval of the educational
22 institution in which the student is enrolled;

23 (3) be at least sixteen years of age at the
24 time of the election in which the student is serving as a member
25 of a precinct board;

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1 (4) be or will be a United States citizen at
2 the time of the election to which the student will be serving as
3 a member of a precinct board; and

4 (5) be a student in good standing attending a
5 public or private secondary educational institution.

6 D. No student appointed pursuant to the provisions
7 of Subsection C of this section shall serve as a presiding
8 judge. "

9 Section 2. Section 1-2-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975,
10 Chapter 255, Section 16) is amended to read:

11 "1-2-10. PRECINCT BOARD--APPOINTMENT BY COUNTY CLERK.--The
12 county clerk shall appoint the precinct board for each precinct
13 in the following order:

14 A. from the list submitted by the major party county
15 chairmen in the order stated thereon;

16 B. from the standby list; and

17 C. from any other list of voters who have the same
18 qualifications and comply with the same requirements as provided
19 for precinct board members except as provided in Subsection C of
20 Section 1-2-7 NMSA 1978. "

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8 Mr. President:
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10 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO NOT PASS.
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(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

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The roll call vote was 5 For 2 Against

Yes: 5
No: Adair, Stockard
Excused: Gorham
Absent: None

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