1	SENATE BILL 643
2	43rd LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997
3	INTRODUCED BY
4	LEONARD LEE RAWSON
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING THE ELECTION CODE PERTAINING TO
12	THE FORM OF ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS AND BALLOTS FOR GENERAL
13	ELECTI ONS.
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15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
16	Section 1. Section 1-6-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
17	Chapter 240, Section 130, as amended by Laws 1993, Chapter 19,
18	Section 2 and by Laws 1993, Chapter 20, Section 1 and by Laws
19	1993, Chapter 21, Section 2 and by Laws 1993, Chapter 314,
20	Section 42 and also by Laws 1993, Chapter 316, Section 42) is
21	amended to read:
22	"1-6-4. ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION
23	A. Application by a federal qualified elector for an
24	absentee ballot shall be made on the official postcard form
25	prescribed or authorized by the federal government to the county
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1 clerk of the county of his residence.

2	B. Application by a voter for an absentee ballot							
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5	which he resides. The form shall identify the applicant and							
6	contain information to establish his qualification for issuance							
7	of an absentee ballot under the Absent Voter Act; provided that,							
8	on the application form for a general election ballot there							
9	shall be no box, space or place provided for designation of the							
10	voter's political party affiliation							
11	C. Each application for an absentee ballot shall be							
12	subscribed by the applicant."							
13	Section 2. Section 1-6-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969, Chapter 240, Section 134, as amended) is amended to read: "1-6-8. ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES							
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16	A. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form							
17	of, procure and distribute to each county clerk a supply of:							
18	(1) official inner envelopes for use in sealing							
19	the completed absentee ballot;							
20	(2) official mailing envelopes for use in							
21	returning the official inner envelope to the county clerk;							
22	provided, the official mailing envelope for absentee ballots in							
23	a general election shall contain no designation of party							
24	affiliation;							
25	(3) absentee ballot instructions, describing							
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proper methods for completion of the ballot and returning it; and

(4) official transmittal envelopes for use by the county clerk in mailing absentee ballot materials.

B. Official transmittal envelopes and official mailing envelopes for transmission of absentee ballot materials to and from the county clerk and federal qualified electors shall be printed in red in the form prescribed by the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. Official transmittal envelopes and official mailing envelopes for transmission of absentee ballot materials to and from the county clerk and voters shall be printed in black in substantially similar form. All official inner envelopes shall be printed in black.

C. The reverse of each official mailing envelope shall contain a form to be executed by the person completing the absentee ballot. The form shall identify the person and shall contain the following statement: "I will not vote in this election other than by the enclosed ballot. I will not receive or offer any compensation or reward for giving or withholding any vote."."

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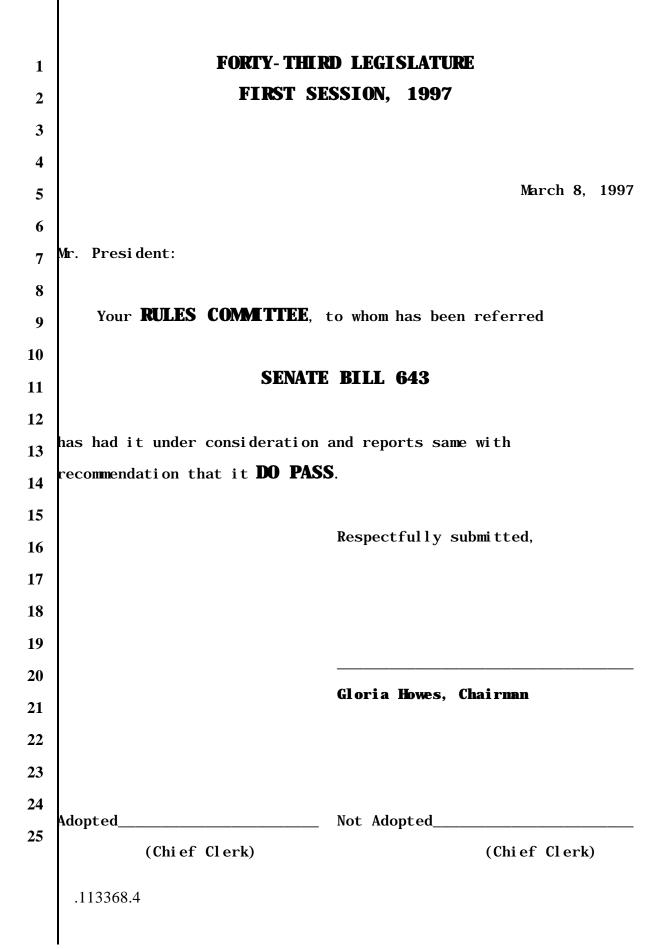
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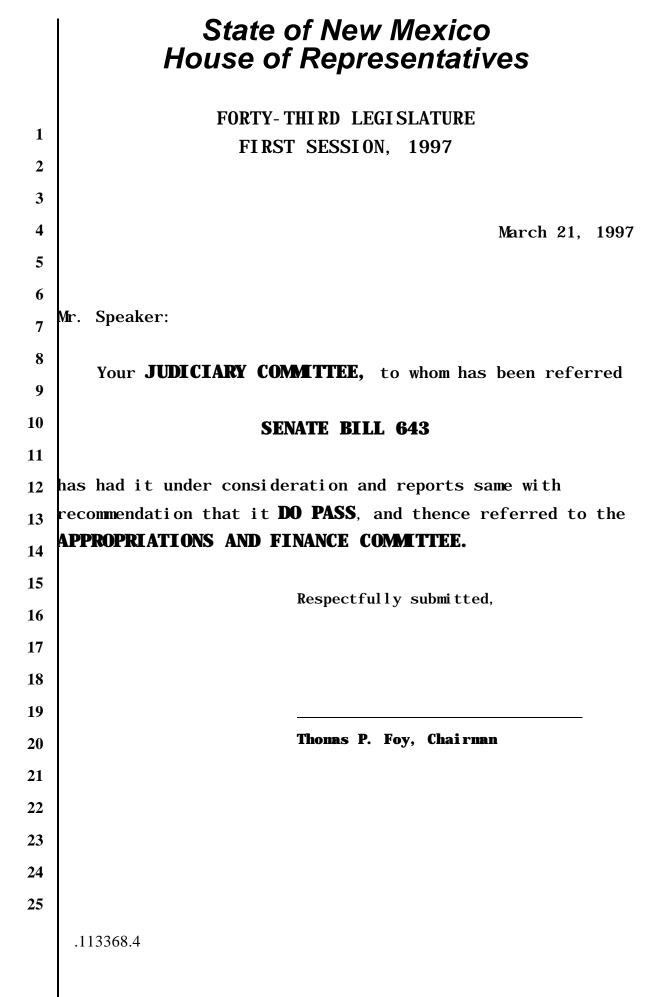
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5	March 15, 1997						
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7	Mr. Speaker:						
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9	Your VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, to whom has						
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12	SENATE BILL 643						
13	has had it under consideration and reports same with						
14	recommendation that it DO PASS , and thence referred to the						
15	JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.						
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17	Respectfully submitted,						
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