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FIRST SESSION

March 17, 2003

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT number 1 to SENATE BILL 579, as amended

Amendment sponsored by Representative Mimi Stewart

1. On page 1, line 13, after the semicolon insert "ALLOWING FOR CONCURRENT ELECTIONS;".

2. On page 1, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following section to read:

"Section 2. Section 3-8-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1985, Chapter 208, Section 17, as amended) is amended to read:

"3-8-9. ELECTION SCHEDULING--CONFLICTS--NOTICE. --

A. Except as otherwise provided by law, ~~[no]~~ a municipal election may be held concurrently with, but shall not be held within forty-two days prior to or within thirty days after, any statewide special, general or primary election or any regular school district election. Whenever a municipal election would be or has been scheduled within the prohibited time, the governing body shall adopt an election resolution scheduling or rescheduling the election on a date as soon as is practicable outside the prohibited period and in compliance with the requirements of the Municipal Election Code and any other statute specifically related to such election. If an election resolution has already been adopted, the new election resolution shall supersede the existing election resolution and the new election resolution shall be published as required by the Municipal Election Code.

B. Except as otherwise provided by law, one or more municipal special elections, including but not limited to bond elections, may be held in conjunction with a regular municipal election or one or more special municipal elections.

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C. When concurrent elections are called for, publications, notices, selection of precinct boards, election schools, ordering election supplies, conduct of the election, canvassing, record keeping and all other election matters shall be conducted to comply with all election requirements for each such election as if it were held separately. However, any requirement may be satisfied by a combined action if such action would satisfy the requirements set by law for each individual election. Allowable combined actions include but are not limited to, combined:

- (1) publications;
- (2) notices;
- (3) appointment of precinct boards;
- (4) ordering of election supplies;
- (5) conduct of election;
- (6) canvassing; and
- (7) record keeping. "".

3. Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.

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