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**HOUSE BILL 19**

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS BE SENT TO FEDERAL AND OVERSEAS VOTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; RECONCILING MULTIPLE AMENDMENTS BY REPEALING LAWS 2003, CHAPTER 356, SECTION 18.**

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

**Section 1. Section 1-6-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969, Chapter 240, Section 130, as amended by Laws 2003, Chapter 356, Section 18 and by Laws 2003, Chapter 357, Section 1) is amended to read:**

**"1-6-4. ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION-- FEDERAL QUALIFIED ELECTOR-- OVERSEAS VOTER. --**

**A. Application by a federal qualified elector or an overseas voter for an absentee ballot shall be made on the official postcard form prescribed or authorized by the federal**

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1 government to the county clerk of the county of his residence.  
2 The form shall allow the applicant to receive an absentee  
3 ballot for all elections within an election cycle.

4 B. Application by a voter for an absentee ballot  
5 shall be made only on a form prescribed by the secretary of  
6 state. The form shall identify the applicant and contain  
7 information to establish his qualification for issuance of an  
8 absentee ballot under the Absent Voter Act; provided that on  
9 the application form for a general election ballot there shall  
10 be no box, space or place provided for designation of the  
11 voter's political party affiliation. [~~The form shall allow the~~  
12 ~~applicant to receive an absentee ballot for all elections~~  
13 ~~within an election cycle.~~]

14 C. Each application for an absentee ballot shall be  
15 subscribed by the applicant.

16 D. An application for an absentee ballot by a  
17 federal qualified elector or an overseas voter shall be  
18 accepted at any time preceding the general election, and  
19 absentee ballots shall be sent to a federal qualified elector  
20 or overseas voter as soon as possible after a request is  
21 received. "

22 Section 2. REPEAL. -- Laws 2003, Chapter 356, Section 18 is  
23 repealed.