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HOUSE BILL 560

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO
OVERSEE COUNTY CLERK ELECTION ADMINISTRATION; AUTHORIZING A
COUNTY COMMISSION TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF A SUPERVISOR OF
COUNTY ELECTIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 1-2-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
Chapter 240, Section 23, as amended) is amended to read:

"1-2-2. SECRETARY OF STATE--GENERAL DUTIES.--The
secretary of state shall:

A. generally supervise all elections;

B. administer the Election Code in its statewide
application especially as it relates to federal and state
elective offices;

C. prepare instructions for the conduct of election

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1 and registration matters in accordance with the laws of the
2 state;

3 D. advise county clerks, boards of county
4 commissioners and boards of registration as to the proper
5 methods of performing their duties prescribed by the Election
6 Code;

7 E. report possible violations of the Election Code
8 of which ~~[he]~~ the secretary of state has knowledge to the
9 district attorney or the attorney general for prosecution;

10 F. cause to be published in pamphlet form and
11 distributed to the county clerk of each county for use by
12 precinct boards a sufficient number of copies of the Election
13 Code as it is from time to time amended and supplemented;

14 G. be responsible for the education and training of
15 county clerks regarding elections;

16 H. be responsible for the education and training of
17 voting machine technicians; ~~[and]~~

18 I. assist the county clerks in the education and
19 training of registration officers and precinct boards; and

20 J. have the authority to direct a county clerk to
21 carry out the clerk's election duties and appoint a county
22 supervisor of elections to carry out the clerk's election
23 duties when requested to do so by the county commission of that
24 county."

25 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the

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provisions of this act is July 1, 2005.