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HOUSE BILL 180

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MUNICIPALITIES; INCREASING THE POPULATION THRESHOLD  
FOR MANDATORY DISTRICTING FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODIES.

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

Section 1. Section 3-12-1.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1985,  
Chapter 203, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"3-12-1.1. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BODIES--  
REQUIRING RESIDENCY.--~~[Except as provided in Section 3-12-2  
NMSA 1978]~~ Members of governing bodies, excluding mayors, of  
municipalities having a population in excess of [~~ten~~] twenty-  
five thousand shall reside in and be elected from single-member  
districts. If any member of the governing body permanently  
removes [~~his~~] the member's residence from or maintains no  
residence in the district from which [~~he~~] the member was  
elected, [~~he~~] the member shall be deemed to have resigned.

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1     ~~[One]~~ In addition to the redistricting provided for in Section  
2     3-12-2 NMSA 1978, following every federal decennial census the  
3     governing body of the municipality shall divide the  
4     municipality into a number of districts equal to the number of  
5     members on the governing body. Such districts shall be compact  
6     and contiguous and composed of populations as nearly equal as  
7     practicable; provided that the governing body of H class  
8     counties and of any municipality having a population of ~~[ten]~~  
9     twenty-five thousand or less may provide for single-member  
10    districts as provided in this section."

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