

1 HOUSE BILL 455

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING CERTAIN PRECINCTS TO BE SPLIT
12 INTO TWO OR MORE PRECINCTS WHEN MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND VOTERS
13 VOTE IN A GENERAL ELECTION IN THAT PRECINCT.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 1-3-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
17 Chapter 240, Section 50, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "1-3-1. NATURE OF A PRECINCT--MAPS.--

19 A. Each precinct as nearly as practicable shall be
20 composed of contiguous and compact areas having clearly
21 definable boundaries. All precinct boundaries shall comply
22 with the provisions of the Precinct Boundary Adjustment Act.

23 B. If a precinct for general or primary election
24 purposes [~~shall not have~~] had more than [~~eight hundred~~] one
25 thousand votes cast [~~in person~~] in that precinct at the last

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1 preceding general election, the precinct shall be divided into
2 at least two precincts.

3 C. Each county clerk shall provide and maintain a
4 suitable map showing the current geographical boundaries with
5 designation of each precinct, representative district and
6 senatorial district in the county. The size and form of such
7 maps shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. A word
8 description of the geographical boundaries shall be attached to
9 each map. [~~Such~~] The map, with attached description, is a
10 public record.

11 D. Each county clerk shall send a copy of each map
12 with attached description to the secretary of state. These
13 copies are also public records."