

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND GRANT ELECTIONS; ALLOWING STAGGERED TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF BOARDS OF TRUSTEES; REQUIRING A PLURALITY OF THE VOTE FOR ELECTION TO A BOARD OF TRUSTEES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-1-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1907, Chapter 42, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"49-1-7. ELECTION--VOTES REQUIRED--CANVASSING VOTES.--

A. The candidates receiving the most votes cast for the open seats on the board of trustees shall be elected to the board.

B. The election judges and board of trustees shall meet not later than seven days following the election and canvass the votes cast and issue to each candidate duly elected to a seat on the board a certificate of election."

SECTION 2. Section 49-4-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007, Chapter 145, Section 7) is amended to read:

"49-4-8. ELECTION--VOTES REQUIRED--CANVASSING VOTES.--

A. The candidates receiving the most votes cast for the open seats on the board of trustees shall be elected to the board.

B. The election judges and board of trustees shall meet not later than seven days following the election and

canvass the votes cast and issue to each candidate duly
elected to a seat on the board a certificate of election."

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
peace, health and safety that this act take effect
immediately.
