

State of New Mexico
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February 16, 2022

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT number _____ to SENATE BILL 144, as amended

Amendment sponsored by Representative Greg Nibert

1. On page 1, line 11, after the semicolon, insert "PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ABSENT VOTER ELECTION BOARD TO CONFIRM THE VERIFICATION PROCESS OF OFFICIAL MAILING ENVELOPES BY THE COUNTY CLERK;".

2. After House Judiciary Committee Amendment 4, insert the following new section:

"SECTION 141. A new Section 1-6-14.1 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"1-6-14.1. [NEW MATERIAL] ABSENT VOTER ELECTION BOARD VERIFICATION--INTERPOSITION OF CHALLENGE.--

A. The verification of the county clerk is subject to the interposition of a challenge by or before the absent voter election board.

B. At a convening of the absent voter election board that shall take place no earlier than thirteen days prior to election day, the absent voter election board shall confirm the verification process of official mailing envelopes conducted by the county clerk using a sampling of official mailing envelopes equal to two percent of mailed ballots requested or twenty mailed ballots, whichever is greater. If the verification process is confirmed by the absent voter election board, the official mailing envelopes containing voted ballots shall be deemed qualified, subject to the interposition of a challenge to the ballot of any specified individual mailed ballot voter. If the verification by the county clerk is not confirmed by the absent voter election board, the board shall qualify each official mailing envelope returned with a voted

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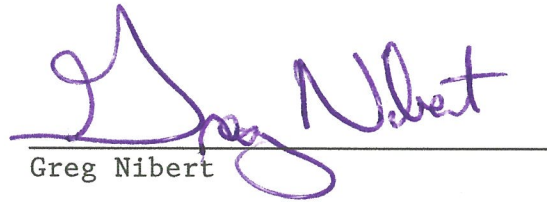
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ballot in that election. Official mailing envelopes shall not be opened or separated from the inner envelopes until the absent voter election board's confirmation of the county clerk's verification process has been completed."".

3. Renumber sections to correspond to this amendment.



Greg Nibert

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(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____