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SENATE BILL 34

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 3-12-1.1 NMSA 1978
(BEING LAWS 1985, CHAPTER 203, SECTION 1, AS AMENDED) PROVIDING
FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BODIES; DELETING H CLASS
COUNTIES.

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 thousand
shall reside in and be elected from single-member districts. If
any member of the governing body permanently removes his
residence from or maintains no residence in the district from

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1 which he was elected, he shall be deemed to have resigned.
2 Once, following every federal decennial census, the governing
3 body of the municipality shall divide the municipality into a
4 number of districts equal to the number of members on the
5 governing body. Such districts shall be compact and contiguous
6 and composed of populations as nearly equal as practicable;
7 provided that the governing body of [~~H-class counties and of~~]
8 any municipality having a population of ten thousand or less may
9 provide for single-member districts as provided in this
10 section. "