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SENATE BILL 643
43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997
INTRODUCED BY
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AN ACT
RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING THE ELECTION CODE PERTAINING TO
THE FORM OF ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS AND BALLOTS FOR GENERAL
ELECTIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 1-6-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
Chapter 240, Section 130, as amended by Laws 1993, Chapter 19,
Section 2 and by Laws 1993, Chapter 20, Section 1 and by Laws
1993, Chapter 21, Section 2 and by Laws 1993, Chapter 314,
Section 42 and also by Laws 1993, Chapter 316, Section 42) is
amended to read:

"1-6-4. ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION. --

A. Application by a federal qualified elector for an
absentee ballot shall be made on the official postcard form
prescribed or authorized by the federal government to the county

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1 clerk of the county of his residence.

2 B. Application by a voter for an absentee ballot
3 shall be made only on a form prescribed, printed and furnished
4 by the secretary of state to the county clerk of the county in
5 which he resides. The form shall identify the applicant and
6 contain information to establish his qualification for issuance
7 of an absentee ballot under the Absent Voter Act; provided that,
8 on the application form for a general election ballot there
9 shall be no box, space or place provided for designation of the
10 voter's political party affiliation

11 C. Each application for an absentee ballot shall be
12 subscribed by the applicant."

13 Section 2. Section 1-6-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
14 Chapter 240, Section 134, as amended) is amended to read:

15 "1-6-8. ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPES. --

16 A. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form
17 of, procure and distribute to each county clerk a supply of:

18 (1) official inner envelopes for use in sealing
19 the completed absentee ballot;

20 (2) official mailing envelopes for use in
21 returning the official inner envelope to the county clerk;
22 provided, the official mailing envelope for absentee ballots in
23 a general election shall contain no designation of party
24 affiliation;

25 (3) absentee ballot instructions, describing

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1 proper methods for completion of the ballot and returning it;
2 and

3 (4) official transmittal envelopes for use by
4 the county clerk in mailing absentee ballot materials.

5 B. Official transmittal envelopes and official
6 mailing envelopes for transmission of absentee ballot materials
7 to and from the county clerk and federal qualified electors
8 shall be printed in red in the form prescribed by the federal
9 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. Official
10 transmittal envelopes and official mailing envelopes for
11 transmission of absentee ballot materials to and from the county
12 clerk and voters shall be printed in black in substantially
13 similar form. All official inner envelopes shall be printed in
14 black.

15 C. The reverse of each official mailing envelope
16 shall contain a form to be executed by the person completing the
17 absentee ballot. The form shall identify the person and shall
18 contain the following statement: "I will not vote in this
19 election other than by the enclosed ballot. I will not receive
20 or offer any compensation or reward for giving or withholding
21 any vote. ". "

1 FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
2 FIRST SESSION, 1997
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5 March 8, 1997
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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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11 SENATE BILL 643
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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16 Respectfully submitted,
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21 Gloria Howes, Chairman
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25 (Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano, Aragon, Gorham

Absent: None

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 15, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, to whom has
been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward C. Sandoval, Chairman

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(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Lujan, Nicely, Sanchez

Absent: None

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 21, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

SENATE BILL 643

has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas P. Foy, Chairman

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Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Alwin, Luna, Rios, Sanchez

Absent: None

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