SENATE BILL 911

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

INTRODUCED BY

JOHN ARTHUR SMITH

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROMOTING CAMPAIGN COST REDUCTION BY SHORTENING THE PERIOD FOR EARLY VOTING BY TEN DAYS; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 1-6A-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 37, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"1-6A-5. PROCESSING APPLICATION.--

A. The county clerk shall mark each completed absentee-early application with the date and time of receipt in the clerk's office and enter the required information in the absentee ballot register.

B. If the applicant has no valid affidavit of registration on file in the county and he is not a federal qualified elector, he shall not be allowed to vote. The county

1   clerk shall mark the application "rejected" and file the

2   application in a separate file from those accepted.

3   C.   If the applicant presents proof of identification

4   and is determined to be a voter or a federal qualified elector,

5   the county clerk shall mark the application "accepted" and

6   deliver a marksense ballot or allow the voter to vote on the

7   direct-recording electronic machine.   Upon acceptance of the

8   application, an appropriate designation shall be made on the

9   absentee register.

10   D.   Absentee-early voting may be done in person

11   during the regular hours of business at the county clerk's

12   office or other locations specified by the county clerk;

13   provided that in class A counties, the county clerk shall

14   establish not less than four alternative locations as satellite

15   polling places.   Absentee-early voting may be done from 8:00

16   a.m. on the [twentieth] tenth day preceding the election up

17   until 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately prior to the date of

18   the election.   In voting absentee-early, the voter may be

19   assisted by one person of the voter's own choice.

20   E.   The secretary of state and county clerk shall

21   make reasonable efforts to publicize and inform voters of the

22   times and locations for absentee-early voting."

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 6, 1997

Mr. President:

Your **RULES 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

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Howes, Chairman

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Adopted_____   Not Adopted_____

       (Chief Clerk)   (Chief Clerk)

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3   Date _____

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6 The roll call vote was _6_ For _0_ Against

7 Yes: 6

8 No: 0

9 Excused: Altamirano, Gorham

10 Absent: None

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March 14, 1997

Mr. President:

Your **FINANCE COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with

recommendation that it **DO PASS**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ben D. Altamirano, Chairman

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7   Yes: 6

8   No: None

9   Excused: Aragon, Altamirano, Carraro, Ingle, Lyons

10 Absent: None

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