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SENATE BILL 1178

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MUNICIPALITIES; CLARIFYING CERTAIN AUTHORITY OF THE
MAYOR IN A MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

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

Section 1. Section 3-13-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,
Chapter 300, Section 14-12-3, as amended) is amended to read:

"3-13-3. APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATOR-- DUTIES
AND QUALIFICATIONS. --

A. The governing body of any municipality having a
population of one thousand or more persons may provide ~~[for a
manager either by ordinance or by an election to be called by
the governing body upon the filing of a petition containing the
signatures of at least ten percent of the registered voters in
the municipality. The office of manager shall carry the same
qualifications, duties and responsibilities as provided for a~~

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1 ~~manager under Sections 3-14-13 through 3-14-15 NMSA 1978]~~ by
2 ordinance for a professional administrator. The administrator
3 shall be supervised by the mayor. The administrator shall:

4 (1) enforce and carry out all ordinances, rules
5 and regulations enacted by the governing body;

6 (2) prepare and submit an annual budget;

7 (3) recommend to the mayor qualified persons to
8 be appointed as employees or officers of the municipality; and

9 (4) make recommendations to the mayor and the
10 governing body on all matters concerning the welfare of the
11 municipality.

12 B. The administrator shall have a seat, but no vote,
13 at every meeting of the governing body.

14 C. The administrator shall be appointed by the mayor
15 with the approval of the governing body.

16 D. Unless reappointed, no administrator shall be
17 employed beyond the day of the organizational meeting required
18 in Section 3-11-5 NMSA 1978. "