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SENATE BILL 183

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROVIDING THAT A VOTER SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET IN A GENERAL ELECTION; REPEALING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE ELECTION CODE.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Election Code is enacted to read:

" NEW MATERIAL GENERAL ELECTIONS-- PROHIBITION ON VOTING A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET. --

A. Ballots shall not be designed to permit a voter to vote a straight party ticket in a general election.

B. Electronic voting machines shall not be programmed to permit a voter to vote a straight party ticket in a general election. "

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Section 2. REPEAL. -- Sections 1-9-4 and 1-12-53 NMSA 1978  
(being Laws 1969, Chapter 240, Section 187 and Laws 1977,  
Chapter 222, Section 56, as amended) are repealed.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the  
provisions of this act is July 1, 2001.