

HOUSE BILL 524

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING AN ALTERNATE VOTING LOCATION
IN A POPULATION CENTER THAT IS MORE THAN FIFTY MILES FROM THE
NEAREST ALTERNATE VOTING LOCATION IF MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED VOTERS RESIDE IN THE PRECINCTS OF THE POPULATION
CENTER.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1-6-5.6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
Chapter 357, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"1-6-5.6. EARLY VOTING--ALTERNATE VOTING LOCATIONS--
PROCEDURES.--The county clerk shall:

A. ensure that voters have adequate access to
alternate voting locations for early voting in the county,
taking into consideration population density and travel time to
the location of voting;

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1 B. ensure that early voters are not allowed to vote
2 in person on election day;

3 C. ensure that adequate interpreters are available
4 at alternate voting locations in those precincts having a
5 majority of qualified electors who are part of a recognized
6 language minority; ~~and~~

7 D. establish an alternate voting location for a
8 minimum of five days, including at least one Saturday, in any
9 population center:

10 (1) where more than one thousand five hundred
11 voters reside within a ten-mile radius in one or more adjoining
12 precincts;

13 (2) that is more than fifty road miles from
14 the nearest alternate voting location in the county, including
15 the office of the county clerk; and

16 (3) that is not served by a mobile alternate
17 voting location authorized pursuant to Section 1-6-5.8 NMSA
18 1978; and

19 ~~[D-]~~ E. based on rules adopted by the secretary of
20 state, allow for mobile alternate voting locations in rural
21 areas of the state that may be set up temporarily in specified
22 precincts of the county during the period when early voting is
23 allowed at alternate voting locations."