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HOUSE BILL 71

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TRADITIONAL HISTORIC COMMUNITIES; REVISING  
QUALIFICATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3-7-1.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995,  
Chapter 170, Section 5 and Laws 1995, Chapter 211, Section 4)  
is amended to read:

"3-7-1.1. TRADITIONAL HISTORIC COMMUNITY--QUALIFICATIONS--  
ANNEXATION RESTRICTIONS.--

A. To qualify as a traditional historic community,  
an area shall:

(1) be an unincorporated area of a class A  
county with a population between one hundred forty thousand and  
two hundred thousand, based on the most recent federal  
decennial census, or a class B county with a population between

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2     ~~hundred]~~ forty thousand, based on the ~~[1990]~~ most recent  
3     federal decennial census;

4                     (2) be an identifiable village, community,  
5     neighborhood or district that can be documented as having  
6     existed for more than one hundred years;

7                     (3) include structures or landmarks that are  
8     associated with the identity of the specific village,  
9     community, neighborhood or district seeking designation as a  
10    traditional historic community;

11                    (4) have a distinctive character or  
12    traditional quality that can be distinguished from surrounding  
13    areas or new developments in the vicinity; and

14                    (5) be declared a traditional historic  
15    community by an ordinance of the board of county commissioners  
16    of the county in which the petitioning village, community,  
17    neighborhood or district is located.

18                    B. A traditional historic community may be annexed  
19    by a municipality only by petition of a majority of the  
20    registered qualified electors of the territory within the  
21    traditional historic community proposed to be annexed by the  
22    municipality or by the arbitration method of annexation only  
23    upon petition of a majority of the registered qualified  
24    electors of the territory within the traditional historic  
25    community."

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SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2014.