

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; ALLOWING PERSONS WHO ARE SEVENTEEN
3 YEARS OLD AND WHO WILL BE EIGHTEEN BY THE DAY OF THE GENERAL
4 ELECTION TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTICIPATE IN A
5 MAJOR PARTY'S ALTERNATE SELECTION PROCEDURE.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 1-4-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
9 Chapter 240, Section 60, as amended) is amended to read:

10 "1-4-2. QUALIFICATION FOR REGISTRATION--RIGHT TO VOTE
11 IN PRIMARY.--

12 A. Any resident of New Mexico who will be a
13 qualified elector at the date of the next ensuing general
14 election shall be permitted within the provisions of the
15 Election Code to register and become a voter.

16 B. If a person who is seventeen years old will be
17 a qualified elector on the day of the general election and
18 registers to vote in accordance with the provisions of
19 Subsection A of this section, for the purposes of the primary
20 election, that person shall be considered to be a voter and
21 may vote in the primary election immediately preceding that
22 general election."

23 SECTION 2. Section 1-15A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
24 Chapter 300, Section 3) is amended to read:

25 "1-15A-3. SELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES BY HB 138
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1 MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES--USE OF ALTERNATE SELECTION
2 PROCEDURES--CERTIFICATION.--

3 A. If a major political party chooses not to
4 participate in the presidential primary, it shall:

5 (1) notify the secretary of state at least
6 thirty days before the governor is required to issue the
7 proclamation of the primary election; and

8 (2) allow anyone who would otherwise be
9 qualified to vote in that party's primary to participate in
10 the party's selection procedure.

11 B. The state chair of a major political party that
12 does not participate in the presidential primary shall certify
13 to the secretary of state the names of the state party's
14 delegates to the party's national convention, and those
15 delegates shall file a declaration of acceptance in accordance
16 with Section 1-15A-10 NMSA 1978."

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