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HOUSE BILL 290

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

INTRODUCED BY
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AN ACT

RELATING TO GOVERNING BOARDS OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL
INSTITUTE DISTRICTS; EXTENDING THE DATE BY WHICH CERTAIN
SPECIAL ELECTIONS ARE REQUIRED TO BE HELD.

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

Section 1. Section 21-16-5.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
1994, Chapter 83, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"21-16-5.1. BOARD MEMBERS--ELECTED FROM DISTRICTS--
ELECTIONS.--

A. A district board shall be composed of five or
seven members elected for four-year terms who shall reside in
and be elected from single-member districts as provided in
this section. [~~On July 1, 1999~~] Any board, the members of
which have not been elected from single-member districts,
shall district and hold a special election [~~within one year
from the effective date of this 1999 act~~] no later than July

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1 1, 2001. If the board is a seven-member board, board members
2 shall be elected for all seven positions on the board, with
3 the board members elected to positions 1, 3, 5 and 7 to be
4 elected for initial terms of two years and the board members
5 elected to positions 2, 4 and 6 to be elected for initial
6 terms of four years. If the board is a five-member board,
7 board members elected to positions 1, 3 and 5 shall be
8 elected for initial terms of two years and board members
9 elected to positions 2 and 4 shall be elected for initial
10 terms of four years. After the initial election for a
11 district board, each board member shall be elected for a term
12 of four years.

13 B. Except where specific provision is otherwise
14 provided by law, all election proceedings for technical and
15 vocational institute district elections shall be conducted
16 pursuant to the provisions of the School Election Law with
17 the president of the institute serving in the place of the
18 superintendent of schools in every case.

19 C. Once following each federal decennial census,
20 the board shall redistrict the technical and vocational
21 institute district into election districts to ensure that the
22 districts remain as equal in population as is practicable.
23 The new districts shall go into effect at the first regular
24 board election thereafter. Candidates for the new single-
25 member districts that are scheduled to be voted on at the
election shall reside in and be elected from the appropriate
new single-member district. Incumbent board members whose

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1 districts before redistricting were not scheduled to be voted
2 on at the election need not reside in the new single-member
3 districts corresponding to their position numbers and may
4 serve out their terms. At the second regular board election
5 held after the redistricting, all candidates for the new
6 single-member districts that are scheduled to be voted on
7 shall reside in and be elected from the appropriate single-
8 member district.

9 D. All election districts covered by this section
10 shall be contiguous, compact and as equal in population as is
11 practicable.

12 E. A vacancy occurring on the board shall be
13 filled in the same manner as provided for school board
14 vacancies in Section 22-5-9 NMSA 1978; provided, however, a
15 vacancy that occurs in an election district where a
16 nonresident board member had been serving shall be filled
17 with a resident of that district."