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HOUSE BILL 932

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

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REDUCING THE REQUIRED SIZE OF
NOMINATING PETITIONS.**

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

**Section 1. Section 1-8-30 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,
Chapter 228, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"1-8-30. PRIMARY ELECTION LAW-DECLARATION OF
CANDIDACY--NOMINATING PETITION--FILING AND FORM --**

**A. As used in the Primary Election Law, "nominating
petition" means the authorized form used for obtaining the
required number of signatures of voters, which is signed on
behalf of the person wishing to become a candidate for a
political office in the primary election requiring a
nominating petition.**

B. In making a declaration of candidacy, the

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1 candidate at the same time shall file a nominating petition,
2 which shall be on the form prescribed by law.

3 C. The nominating petition shall be on paper
4 approximately eight and one-half inches wide and [~~fourteen~~
5 eleven inches long with numbered lines for signatures spaced
6 approximately three-eighths of an inch apart and shall be in
7 the following form:

8 "NOMINATING PETITION

9 I, the undersigned, a registered voter of the county of
10 _____, New Mexico, and a member of the
11 _____ party, hereby nominate _____,
12 who resides at _____ in the county of
13 _____, New Mexico, for the party nomination for the
14 office of _____, to be voted for at the
15 primary election to be held on the first Tuesday of June, [~~19~~
16 20 _____], and I declare that I am a resident of the state,
17 district, county or area to be represented by the office for
18 which the person being nominated is a candidate. I also
19 declare that I have not signed, and will not sign, any
20 nominating petition for more persons than the number of
21 candidates necessary to fill such office at the next ensuing
22 general election.

23 1. _____
24 (usual (name printed (address as (city or
25 signature) as registered) registered) rt. no.)

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1 2. _____
2 (usual (name printed (address as (city or
3 signature) as registered) registered) rt. no.).".

4 D. In October of odd-numbered years, the secretary
5 of state shall furnish to each county clerk a sample of a
6 nominating petition form, a copy of which shall be made
7 available by the county clerk upon request of any candidate.

8 E. When more than one sheet is required for a
9 petition, each of the sheets shall be in the form prescribed
10 by this section and all sheets shall be firmly secured by a
11 staple or other suitable fastening. "

12 Section 2. Section 1-8-50 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977,
13 Chapter 322, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

14 "1-8-50. INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL OR UNITED
15 STATES REPRESENTATIVE SPECIAL ELECTIONS--NOMINATING PETITION
16 FORM --

17 A. As used in Sections 1-8-45 through 1-8-52 NMSA
18 1978, "nominating petition" means the authorized form used for
19 obtaining the required number of signatures of voters that is
20 signed on behalf of the person wishing to become an
21 independent candidate for a political office in a general or
22 United States representative special election requiring a
23 nominating petition.

24 B. In making a determination of candidacy, the
25 candidate shall file a nominating petition at the same time,

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1 which shall be on forms prescribed by law.

2 C. The nominating petition for an independent
3 candidate for any office except president of the United States
4 shall be on paper approximately eight and one-half inches wide
5 and [~~fourteen~~] eleven inches long with numbered lines for
6 signatures spaced approximately three-eighths of an inch apart
7 and shall be in the following form:

8 "NOMINATING PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDACY
9 FOR ANY OFFICE EXCEPT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

10 I, the undersigned, a registered voter of the county
11 of _____, New Mexico, hereby nominate
12 _____, who resides at
13 _____ in the county of
14 _____, New Mexico, as an independent candidate
15 for the office of _____, to be voted
16 for at the general election, or United States
17 representative special election to be held on
18 _____, _____

19 (month) (day) (year)

20 and I declare that I am a resident of the state,
21 district, county or area to be represented by the office
22 for which the person being nominated is a candidate. I
23 also declare that I have not signed, and will not sign,
24 any nominating petition for more persons than the number
25 of candidates necessary to fill the office at the next

1 ensuing general election or at a United States
2 representative special election.

3 1. _____ _____ _____ _____
4 (usual (name printed (address as (city)
5 signature) as registered) registered)

6 2. _____ _____ _____ _____
7 (usual (name printed (address as (city). "
8 signature) as registered) registered)

9 D. The nominating petition for an independent
10 candidate for the office of president of the United States
11 shall be on paper approximately eight and one-half inches
12 wide and [~~fourteen~~] eleven inches long with numbered lines
13 for signatures spaced approximately three-eighths of an inch
14 apart and shall be in the following form:

15 "NOMINATING PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDACY
16 FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

17 I, the undersigned, a registered voter of the
18 county of _____, New Mexico, by endorsement hereon,
19 petition that the name of _____ be printed on the
20 general election ballot as an independent candidate for
21 the office of president of the United States, to be
22 voted on at the general election to be held on November
23 _____, _____. I also declare that I am that person
24 whose name appears hereon and that I have not signed,
25 nor will I sign, any nominating petition for any other

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1 candidate seeking the office of president of the United
2 States at the next ensuing general election. "

3 E. The secretary of state shall furnish to each
4 county clerk a sample of the nominating petition form, a
5 copy of which shall be made available by the county clerk
6 upon request of any candidate as provided by the Election
7 Code.

8 F. When more than one sheet is required for a
9 petition, each of the sheets shall be in the form prescribed
10 by this section, and all sheets shall be firmly secured by a
11 staple or other suitable fastening. "

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