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HOUSE BILL 382

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR OPTIONAL SECRETARY OF
STATE SUPERVISION OF ELECTION SCHOOLS IN COUNTIES WITH A
POPULATION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR MORE.

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

Section 1. Section 1-2-17 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
Chapter 240, Section 37, as amended) is amended to read:

"1-2-17. PRECINCT BOARD--SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.--

A. The secretary of state [~~shall~~] may supervise and
the county clerk shall cause to be held a public school of
instruction for all presiding judges, precinct boards and
others who will be officially concerned with the conduct of
elections in any county with a population of one hundred
thousand or more according to the most recent federal decennial
census.

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1 B. The county clerk shall cause to be held a public
2 school of instruction for all presiding judges, precinct boards
3 and others who will be officially concerned with the conduct of
4 the elections in any county having a population of less than
5 one hundred thousand according to the most recent federal
6 decennial census.

7 C. The schools for instruction provided for in this
8 section shall be as follows:

9 (1) one school not less than three days before
10 the primary election;

11 (2) one school not less than three days before
12 the general election; and

13 (3) one school not less than three days before
14 any other statewide election.

15 D. All major details of the conduct of elections
16 shall be covered by the county clerk or his authorized
17 representative at such school, with special emphasis being
18 given to recent changes in the Election Code.

19 E. The school of instruction shall be open to any
20 interested person, and notice of the school shall be given to
21 the public press at least four days before the school is to be
22 held. Each member of the precinct board shall be notified by
23 mail at least seven days prior to commencement of the school.

24 F. ~~[No]~~ A person shall not serve as a judge or
25 member of a precinct board in ~~[any]~~ an election who has not

1 attended at least one such school of instruction in the
2 calendar year of the election at which he is appointed to serve
3 or has been certified by the county clerk with respect to the
4 person's completion of the school of instruction. This
5 subsection shall not apply to filling of vacancies on election
6 day as provided in Subsection B of Section 1-2-15 NMSA 1978. "

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