

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROVIDING THAT A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCE AND A COUNTY FOR THE LEASE PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS MAY BE RENEGOTIATED TO INCLUDE CERTAIN CONTRACT TERMINATION PROVISIONS.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Election Code, Section 1-9-17.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"1-9-17.1. ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS--RENEGOTIATION OF LEASE-PURCHASE CONTRACT.--A lease-purchase contract for an electronic voting system entered into between the state board of finance and a county pursuant to Section 1-19-17 NMSA 1978, after a renegotiation pursuant to Paragraph (5) of Subsection B of that section, may include provisions providing that, upon the transfer of the ownership in the electronic voting systems to the state board of finance, the contract shall be terminated and no additional payments from the county shall be due. The state board of finance may dispose of electronic voting systems acquired pursuant to this subsection in any manner that is consistent with the interests of the state."