FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION, 2012

February 13, 2012

Mr. President:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

SENATE BILL 218

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

- 1. On page 1, line 12, after "VOTING", insert "; ALLOWING CROSS-OVER VOTING".
- 2. On page 1, line 17, before "In", insert the subsection designation "A.".
- 3. On page 1, line 22, strike the closing quotation mark and between lines 22 and 23, insert the following subsection to read:
- "B. The ballot shall provide the straight party option for each qualified political party with candidates in two or more statewide contests for state office. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1-1-5.2 NMSA 1978, when a voter selects the straight party option, a vote shall be automatically cast for the candidate of the party chosen in each partisan contest in which the party has a candidate and in which the voter does not cast a vote for a different candidate in that contest."".

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Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Martinez, Chairman

Adopted Not Adopted (Chief Clerk)

Date (Chief Clerk)

The roll call vote was 6 For 3 Against
Yes: 6
No: Harden, Payne, Ryan
Excused: Curtis, Rue
Absent: None

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