

HOUSE BILL 309

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROVIDING THAT QUESTIONS SHALL BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE NOT LESS THAN FIFTY-SIX DAYS PRIOR TO AN ELECTION AND THAT ONLY QUESTIONS HAVING THE FORCE OF LAW MAY BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1-16-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969, Chapter 240, Section 380, as amended) is amended to read:

"1-16-8. OTHER QUESTIONS.--

A. The form for ballots on questions other than proposed constitutional amendments to be submitted to the voters of the entire state shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The form for ballots on those questions not statewide in application to be submitted to the voters of the county shall be furnished by the county clerk, and a copy of

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1 the resolution proposing [~~such~~] the question shall be sent by  
2 the county clerk to the secretary of state not less than  
3 [~~thirty~~] fifty-six days prior to the election. In each case  
4 the ballots shall conform as nearly as practicable to the form  
5 required for ballots on proposed constitutional amendments.

6 B. In no case shall a nonbinding or merely advisory  
7 question be placed on the ballot for any election under the  
8 Election Code."

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