

1 SENATE BILL 127

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROVIDING THAT ONE ELECTOR FROM EACH
12 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAST THE ELECTOR'S VOTE FOR THE WINNER
13 OF THE POPULAR VOTE IN THAT DISTRICT.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 1-15-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
17 Chapter 240, Section 353, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "1-15-3. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS--NOMINATION.--

19 A. Any qualified political party in New Mexico
20 desiring to have candidates for president and vice president on
21 the general election ballot in a presidential election year
22 shall, at a state party convention held in the year of such
23 election, choose from the voters of [~~such~~] the party [~~the~~
24 ~~number of presidential electors required by law and no more~~
25 one presidential elector from each congressional district and

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1 two presidential electors at large.

2 B. The presidential electors shall be nominated by
3 the state convention according to the rules of that party on
4 file with the secretary of state.

5 C. Upon the nomination of presidential electors,
6 the [~~chairman~~] chair and secretary of the convention shall
7 certify the names and addresses of [~~such~~] the nominees not less
8 than fifty-six days prior to the election to the secretary of
9 state. The secretary of state shall record the nominees' names
10 in [~~his~~] the secretary's office as the presidential elector
11 nominees of that party."

12 SECTION 2. Section 1-15-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
13 Chapter 240, Section 354) is amended to read:

14 "1-15-4. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS--ELECTION.--

15 A. The names of the presidential elector nominees
16 shall not be placed upon the general election ballot; instead,
17 the secretary of state shall certify to the county clerks the
18 names of persons nominated by each qualified political party
19 for the offices of president and vice president of the United
20 States.

21 B. The names of [~~such~~] the nominees for president
22 and vice president for each qualified political party shall be
23 printed together in pairs upon the general election ballot. A
24 vote for any [~~such~~] pair of nominees shall be a vote for the
25 presidential electors of the political party by which [~~such~~]

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1 the nominees were named.

2 C. The at-large presidential elector nominees of
3 the party whose nominees for president and vice president
4 receive the highest number of votes at the general election
5 shall be the at-large elected presidential electors for this
6 state, and each shall be granted a certificate of election by
7 the state canvassing board. Each congressional district
8 elector nominee of a party whose nominees for president and
9 vice president receive the highest number of votes at the
10 general election in a congressional district shall be the
11 respective congressional district presidential elector for this
12 state, and each shall be granted a certificate of election by
13 the state canvassing board."

14 SECTION 3. Section 1-15-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
15 Chapter 240, Section 358, as amended) is amended to read:

16 "1-15-8. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS--ELECTORAL COLLEGE CASTING
17 BALLOTS--CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS.--

18 A. The presidential electors of the state shall
19 meet at noon in the office of the secretary of state on the day
20 fixed by the laws of the United States for presidential
21 electors to cast their ballots for president and vice president
22 and shall proceed to vote by ballot for president and vice
23 president of the United States and to certify the results of
24 such election in accordance with the constitution and laws of
25 the United States. Each at-large presidential elector shall

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