

1 SENATE BILL 273

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LIBRARIES; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "RURAL  
12 LIBRARY".

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

15 SECTION 1. Section 18-18-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,  
16 Chapter 165, Section 4) is amended to read:

17 "18-18-4. DEFINITIONS.--As used in Sections [~~1 through 4~~  
18 ~~of this 2019 act~~] 18-18-1 through 18-18-4 NMSA 1978, and to the  
19 extent allowed by law:

20 A. "developing rural library" means a rural library  
21 whose library staff, whether salaried or volunteer, is  
22 dedicated to delivering library services to the public for at  
23 least fifteen hours per week and on at least two days each  
24 week;

25 B. "established rural library" means a rural

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1 library:

2 (1) with permanent, salaried staff; and

3 (2) that offers library services to the public  
4 for at least twenty-five hours per week;

5 C. "rural library" means a library that is  
6 established:

7 (1) through an ordinance or legal resolution  
8 adopted by a political subdivision of the state and is located  
9 in an unincorporated area of the state or in a municipality:

10 (a) with a population [~~at the time of~~  
11 ~~the library's establishment~~], as of July 1, 2019, of three  
12 thousand or [~~less or is located in an unincorporated area of~~  
13 ~~the state~~] fewer; or

14 (b) with a population of three thousand  
15 or fewer according to the most recent federal decennial census  
16 published after July 1, 2019;

17 (2) by a legal resolution of a tribal  
18 government in New Mexico and is located in a census designated  
19 place:

20 (a) with a population [~~at the time of~~  
21 ~~the library's establishment~~], as of July 1, 2019, of three  
22 thousand or [~~less~~] fewer; or

23 (b) with a population of three thousand  
24 or fewer according to the most recent federal decennial census  
25 published after July 1, 2019; or

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1 (3) as a corporation with tax-exempt status  
2 pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal  
3 Revenue Code of 1986 and is located in an unincorporated area  
4 of the state or in a municipality:

5 (a) with a population [~~at the time of~~  
6 ~~the library's establishment~~], as of July 1, 2019, of three  
7 thousand or [~~less or is located in an unincorporated area of~~  
8 ~~the state~~] fewer; or

9 (b) with a population of three thousand  
10 or fewer according to the most recent federal decennial census  
11 published after July 1, 2019; and

12 D. "specialized services" means professional  
13 development opportunities, program support, information  
14 technology support and other capacity-building services, as  
15 defined by the state librarian."