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HOUSE BILL 1270

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE
APPORTIONMENT OF DISTRICTS.

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

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. -- This act may be cited as the
"Public Regulation Commission Apportionment Act".

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP. -- The public regulation commission
is composed of five members to be elected from districts
established by law.

Section 3. RESIDENCE. -- At the time of filing a declaration
of candidacy for the office of public regulation commission
member, a candidate shall reside in the district for which he
files. If any elected member of the public regulation
commission permanently removes his residence from or maintains
no residence in the district from which he was elected, he shall

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1 be deemed to have resigned and his successor shall be selected
2 as provided in the Public Regulation Commission Apportionment
3 Act.

4 Section 4. ELECTION--VACANCY.--

5 A. Members of the public regulation commission shall
6 be elected for staggered four-year terms; provided that
7 commission members elected at the 1998 general election shall
8 classify themselves by lot so that two commission members shall
9 initially serve terms of two years and three commission members
10 shall serve terms of four years. Thereafter, all commission
11 members shall serve four-year terms. After serving two terms, a
12 commission member shall be ineligible to hold office as a
13 commission member until one full term has intervened.

14 B. The governor shall by appointment fill vacancies
15 on the public regulation commission. All appointments to fill
16 vacancies on the public regulation commission shall be for a
17 term ending on January 1 subsequent to the next general election
18 at which election a person shall be elected to fill any
19 remainder of the unexpired term.

20 Section 5. PRECINCTS.--

21 A. Designations and boundaries used in the Public
22 Regulation Commission Apportionment Act are those precinct
23 designations and boundaries established pursuant to the Precinct
24 Boundary Adjustment Act and revised and approved by the
25 secretary of state as of November 5, 1996.

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1 B. A board of county commissioners shall not create
2 any precinct that lies in more than one public regulation
3 commission district, nor shall any board of county commissioners
4 divide any precinct so that the divided parts of the precinct
5 are situated in two or more public regulation commission
6 districts. Votes cast in any general, primary or other
7 statewide election from precincts created or divided in
8 violation of this subsection are invalid and shall not be
9 counted or canvassed.

10 Section 6. PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION DISTRICT

11 ONE. --Public regulation commission district one is composed of
12 Bernalillo county precincts 1 through 18, 20 through 22, 24
13 through 55, 61 through 67, 71 through 77, 80 through 88, 88A, 90
14 through 99, 101 through 107, 111 and 112, 120 through 125, 131
15 through 133, 135, 135A, 150 through 154, 161 through 166, 180
16 through 187, 191 through 197, 211 and 212, 214 through 217, 221,
17 223 through 226, 241 through 246, 251 through 258, 271 through
18 275, 278, 281 through 287, 311 and 312, 318, 321 through 323,
19 326 and 327, 341 through 347, 351 through 358, 371, 374 and 375,
20 381 through 387 and 438; and Sandoval county precincts 11
21 through 13 and 29 through 50.

22 Section 7. PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION DISTRICT

23 TWO. --Public regulation commission district two is composed of
24 Chaves, Colfax, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Harding, Lea, Mora, Quay,
25 Roosevelt, San Miguel, Taos and Union.

