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HOUSE BILL 150

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY BOARD.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29-7-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979, Chapter 202, Section 42, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-7-3. NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY BOARD.--

A. There is created the "New Mexico law enforcement academy board".

B. The academy shall be controlled and supervised by policy set by the board. The board shall be composed of the attorney general, who shall serve automatically by reason of ~~[his]~~ office and serve as ~~[chairman]~~ chair of the board, and ~~[six]~~ eleven members who are qualified electors ~~[to be appointed by the governor and]~~ confirmed by the senate. The

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1 attorney general may appoint a designee to serve in the
2 attorney general's place. The attorney general shall provide
3 legal advice to the academy and the board. An appointed board
4 member shall serve and have all of the duties, responsibilities
5 and authority of that office during the period prior to the
6 final action by the senate in confirming or rejecting the
7 appointment.

8 ~~[G. On or before July 1, 1994, the governor shall~~
9 ~~increase the number of members on the board to eight by~~
10 ~~appointing two additional members. The seventh member of the~~
11 ~~board shall be a citizen-at-large member whose term shall end~~
12 ~~on July 1, 1996. The eighth member of the board shall be a~~
13 ~~police officer who is a New Mexico certified police officer,~~
14 ~~holding the rank of sergeant or below at the time of his~~
15 ~~appointment, and whose term shall end on July 1, 1996 or sooner~~
16 ~~if he retires or is deactivated from duty for longer than~~
17 ~~thirty days.]~~

18 C. The appointed members of the board are:

19 (1) three county sheriffs, appointed by the
20 New Mexico association of counties, consisting of:

21 (a) one sheriff from a class A county;
22 (b) one sheriff from a class B county
23 with a valuation of over three hundred million dollars
24 (\$300,000,000); and

25 (c) one sheriff from a class B county

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1 with a valuation less than three hundred million dollars
2 (\$300,000,000); a class C county; or a first class county;

3 (2) three municipal police chiefs, appointed
4 by the New Mexico municipal league, consisting of:

5 (a) one police chief from a municipality
6 with a population of more than one hundred thousand people
7 according to the most recent federal decennial census;

8 (b) one police chief from a municipality
9 with a population of more than ten thousand people but less
10 than one hundred thousand people according to the most recent
11 federal decennial census; and

12 (c) one police chief from a municipality
13 with a population of ten thousand people or fewer according to
14 the most recent federal decennial census;

15 (3) one state police officer, appointed by the
16 governor;

17 (4) one district attorney, appointed by the
18 governor;

19 (5) one certified police chief of a New Mexico
20 Indian nation, tribe or pueblo, appointed by the governor;

21 (6) one retired New Mexico police officer who
22 retired no more than ten years from the date of appointment and
23 held the rank of sergeant or higher, appointed by the governor;
24 and

25 (7) one citizen-at-large member, appointed by

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