

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES; AMENDING THE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ACT; ALLOWING RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MEMBERS TO VOTE BY PROXY OR MAIL.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 62-15-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1939, Chapter 47, Section 10) is amended to read:

"62-15-10. VOTING DISTRICTS.--

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Rural Electric Cooperative Act, the bylaws may provide that the territory in which a cooperative supplies electric energy to its members shall be divided into two or more voting districts and that, in respect of each such voting district:

(1) a designated number of trustees shall be elected by the members residing in that district;

(2) a designated number of delegates shall be elected by the members residing in that district; or

(3) both trustees and delegates shall be elected by the members residing in that district.

B. The bylaws shall prescribe the manner in which voting districts, and the members, delegates and trustees thereof, if any, elected therefrom, shall function. The bylaws shall also set forth the powers of the delegates, which may include the power to elect trustees. No delegate at any

meeting shall vote by proxy or by mail.

C. Voting by members at voting district meetings shall be in person, unless otherwise provided in the bylaws. The bylaws shall prescribe the conditions under which voting by mail shall be exercised."

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