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HOUSE BILL 224

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; CHANGING THE STRUCTURE OF AND
TERM LIMITS SERVED ON COMMUNITY ACTION BOARDS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 27-8-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1983,
Chapter 139, Section 6) is amended to read:

"27-8-6. COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES--BOARD--LOCAL
PARTICIPATION.--

A. Each community action agency shall administer
its community action program through a community action board
[~~consisting of fifteen members~~]. Board members shall be
selected as follows:

(1) one-third of the members of the board
shall be elected public officials currently holding office in
the geographical area to be served by the community action

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1 agency or their representatives, except that if the number of
2 elected officials reasonably available and willing to serve is
3 less than one-third of the membership of the board, membership
4 on the board of appointive officials may be counted in meeting
5 this one-third requirement;

6 (2) at least one-third of the members shall be
7 persons chosen in accordance with democratic selection
8 procedures adequate to ~~[assure]~~ ensure that they are
9 representative of the poor in the area served; and

10 (3) the other members shall be officials or
11 members of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare,
12 education or other major groups and interests in the community.

13 B. Each member of the board selected to represent a
14 specific geographic area within a community shall reside in the
15 area represented.

16 C. No person selected under Paragraph (2) or (3) of
17 Subsection A of this section shall serve for more than five
18 consecutive years ~~[or more than a total of ten years]."~~

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