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2 **44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - 2ND SPECIAL SESSION, 2000**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 EXPRESSING THE LEGISLATURE'S SUPPORT FOR AMENDING THE  
12 MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE CHILDREN'S CODE TO ALLOW FOR ORIGINAL  
13 JURISDICTION IN MUNICIPAL, MAGISTRATE OR METROPOLITAN COURT  
14 OVER JUVENILE CURFEW OFFENDERS.

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16 WHEREAS, serious problems exist relating to crimes  
17 committed by juveniles during late hours; and

18 WHEREAS, jurisdiction over juveniles rests with the  
19 children's court except for minor traffic offenses; and

20 WHEREAS, because curfew offenses are status offenses,  
21 they receive low priority in children's court; and

22 WHEREAS, no effective judicial method of dealing with  
23 curfew violators currently exists; and

24 WHEREAS, because municipal, magistrate and metropolitan  
25 courts have no jurisdiction over juvenile curfew violators,  
municipalities are forced to punish parents for their  
children's curfew violations; and

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