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HOUSE BILL 481

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE COURTS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

**RELATING TO MUNICIPALITIES; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN
MUNICIPALITIES MAY CONTRACT WITH THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE
FOR MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.**

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

Section 1. SMALL MUNICIPALITIES--MUNICIPAL LAW

**ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE--
PAYMENTS TO GENERAL FUND. --**

**A. A municipality with a population of not more
than five thousand, as determined in the most recent federal
decennial census, may contract with the New Mexico state
police for the provision of all municipal law enforcement
services.**

B. The contract shall specify at a minimum:

- (1) the duties to be performed by the New**

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1 Mexico state police;

2 (2) the time schedule of coverage by the New
3 Mexico state police;

4 (3) that if a municipality elects to contract
5 with the New Mexico state police for the provision of all
6 municipal law enforcement services, the state police shall
7 also furnish necessary supervision, administrative support and
8 operational support to the state police officers who provide
9 the municipal law enforcement services;

10 (4) the term of the contract and provisions
11 for cancellation of the contract; and

12 (5) that the provision of municipal law
13 enforcement services is contingent on legislative
14 appropriations that are sufficient for the New Mexico state
15 police to provide the municipal law enforcement services.

16 C. The contract shall be approved by the governing
17 body of the municipality and the chief of the New Mexico state
18 police. A copy of the contract shall be provided to the
19 legislative finance committee.

20 D. The municipality shall pay the contractual
21 amount for the provision of municipal law enforcement services
22 to the New Mexico state police on a quarterly basis. The
23 contractual amount shall not exceed fifty percent of the cost
24 of salaries paid to the state police officers who provide the
25 municipal law enforcement services. The New Mexico state

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1 police shall deposit the payments in the general fund.

2 E. The number of New Mexico state police officers
3 assigned to provide municipal law enforcement services shall
4 not exceed two state police officers for each one thousand
5 residents of the municipality.

6 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the
7 provisions of this act is July 1, 2001.

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