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HOUSE BILL 402

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC MONEY; FACILITATING THE ABILITY OF LOCAL PUBLIC BODIES TO INVEST IN THE SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT FUND.

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

Section 1. Section 6-10-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1933, Chapter 175, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-10-10. DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF FUNDS. --

Upon the certification or designation of any bank, savings and loan association or credit union whose deposits are insured by an agency of the United States to receive public money on deposit, the state treasurer and county or municipal treasurers who have on hand any public money by virtue of their offices [shall] may make deposit of that money in banks and savings and loan associations, and may . 140692. 1

make deposit of that money in credit unions whose deposits are insured by an agency of the United States, designated by the authority authorized by law to so designate to receive the deposits of all money thereafter received or collected by the treasurers.

- B. In addition to investments made pursuant to other law, county or municipal treasurers may deposit money in one or more accounts with any such bank, savings and loan association or credit union located in their respective counties, subject to limitation on credit union accounts.
- C. The state treasurer may deposit money in one or more accounts with any such bank, savings and loan association or credit union, subject to the limitation on credit union accounts.
- D. Duplicate receipts or deposit slips shall be taken for each deposit made pursuant to Subsection A, B or C of this section. When deposits are made by the state treasurer, one copy of the receipt or deposit slip shall be retained by the state treasurer and the other copy shall be filed monthly on the first day of each month with the financial control division of the department of finance and administration. When deposits are made by the treasurer or any other authorized person making the deposits for a board of finance of a public or educational institution, one copy of the receipt or deposit slip shall be retained by the treasurer

or authorized person so making the deposit and the other copy shall be filed monthly on the first day of each month with that board of finance. When deposits are made by a county or municipal treasurer, one of the duplicate receipts or deposit slips shall be retained by the treasurer so making the deposit and the other copy shall be filed monthly on the first day of each month with the secretary of the board of finance of the county or municipality for which that treasurer is acting.

- E. "Deposit", as used in this section, means either investment or deposit and includes share, share certificate and share draft.
- F. County or municipal treasurers, by and with the advice and consent of their respective boards of finance charged with the supervision and control of the respective funds, have the power to invest all sinking funds or money remaining unexpended from the proceeds of any issue of bonds or other negotiable securities of any county, municipality or school district that is entrusted to their care and custody and all money not immediately necessary for the public uses of the counties, municipalities or school districts not invested or deposited [in banks, savings and loan associations or eredit unions] pursuant to other law in:
- (1) bonds or negotiable securities of the United States, the state or any county, municipality or school district that has a taxable valuation of real property for the .140692.1

last preceding year of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and has not defaulted in the payment of any interest or sinking fund obligation or failed to meet any bonds at maturity at any time within five years last preceding; or

- (2) securities that are issued by the United States government or by its agencies or instrumentalities and that are either direct obligations of the United States or are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government or agencies guaranteed by the United States government.
- G. The treasurer of a class A county or the treasurer of a municipality having a population of more than sixty-five thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census and located within a class A county, by and with the advice and consent of the boards of finance charged with the supervision and control of the funds, has the power to invest all sinking funds or money remaining unexpended from the proceeds of any issue of bonds or other negotiable securities of the county or municipality that is entrusted to his care and custody and all money not immediately necessary for the public uses of the county or municipality not invested or deposited in banks, savings and loan associations or credit unions in:
 - (1) shares of a diversified investment

company registered pursuant to the federal Investment Company
Act of 1940 that invests in fixed income securities or debt
instruments that are listed in a nationally recognized, broadmarket, fixed-income-securities market index; provided that
the investment company or manager has total assets under
management of at least one hundred million dollars
(\$100,000,000) and provided that the board of finance of the
county or municipality may allow reasonable administrative and
investment expenses to be paid directly from the income or
assets of these investments;

- (2) individual, common or collective trust funds of banks or trust companies that invest in fixed-income securities or debt instruments that are listed in a nationally recognized, broad-market, fixed-income-securities market index; provided that the investment company or manager has total assets under management of at least one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) and provided that the board of finance of the county or municipality may allow reasonable administrative and investment expenses to be paid directly from the income or assets of these investments; or
- (3) shares of pooled investment funds managed by the state investment officer, as provided in Subsection G of Section 6-8-7 NMSA 1978; provided that the board of finance of the county or municipality may allow reasonable administrative and investment expenses to be paid directly

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from the income or assets of these investments.

H. A local public body, with the advice and consent of the body charged with the supervision and control of the local public body's respective funds, has the power to invest all sinking funds or money remaining unexpended from the proceeds of any issue of bonds or other negotiable securities of the investor that is entrusted to the local public body's care and custody and all money not immediately necessary for the public uses of the investor and not otherwise invested or deposited [in banks, savings and loan associations or credit unions pursuant to other law in contracts with banks, savings and loan associations or credit unions for the present purchase and resale at a specified time in the future of specific securities at specified prices at a price differential representing the interest income to be earned by the investor. The contract shall be fully secured by obligations of the United States or other securities backed by the United States having a market value of at least one hundred two percent of the contract. The collateral required for investment in the contracts provided for in this subsection shall be shown on the books of the financial institution as being the property of the investor and the designation shall be contemporaneous with the investment. As used in this subsection, "local public body" includes all political subdivisions of the state and agencies,

instrumentalities and institutions thereof; provided that home rule municipalities that prior to July 1, 1994 had enacted ordinances authorizing the investment of repurchase agreements may continue investment in repurchase agreements pursuant to those ordinances.

- I. The state treasurer, with the advice and consent of the state board of finance, has the power to invest money held in demand deposits and not immediately needed for the operation of state government and money held in the short-term investment fund, except as provided in Section 6-10-10.1 NMSA 1978. The investments shall be made only in securities that are issued by the United States government or by its departments or agencies and are either direct obligations of the United States or are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government or agencies sponsored by the United States government.
- J. The state treasurer may also invest in contracts for the present purchase and resale at a specified time in the future, not to exceed one year or, in the case of bond proceeds, not to exceed three years, of specific securities at specified prices at a price differential representing the interest income to be earned by the state. No such contract shall be invested in unless the contract is fully secured by obligations of the United States or other securities backed by the United States having a market value

of at least one hundred two percent of the amount of the contract.

K. The state treasurer may also invest in contracts for the temporary exchange of state-owned securities for the use of broker-dealers, banks or other recognized institutional investors in securities, for periods not to exceed one year for a specified fee rate. No such contract shall be invested in unless the contract is fully secured by exchange of an irrevocable letter of credit running to the state, cash or equivalent collateral of at least one hundred two percent of the market value of the securities plus accrued interest temporarily exchanged.

L. The collateral required for either of the forms of investment in Subsection J or K of this section shall be delivered to the state fiscal agent or its designee contemporaneously with the transfer of funds or delivery of the securities at the earliest time industry practice permits, but in all cases, settlement shall be on a same-day basis.

M Neither of the contracts in Subsection J or K of this section shall be invested in unless the contracting bank, brokerage firm or recognized institutional investor has a net worth in excess of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000).

N. The state treasurer, with the advice and consent of the state board of finance, may also invest in any . 140692.1

of the following investments in an amount not to exceed forty percent of any fund that the state treasurer invests:

- (1) commercial paper rated "prime" quality by a national rating service, issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States;
- (2) medium-term notes and corporate notes with a maturity not exceeding five years that are rated A or its equivalent or better by a nationally recognized rating service and that are issued by a corporation organized and operating in the United States; or
- (3) any asset-backed obligation with a maturity not exceeding five years that is rated AAA or its equivalent by a nationally recognized rating service.
- 0. The state treasurer, with the advice and consent of the state board of finance, may also invest in:
- (1) shares of a diversified investment company registered pursuant to the federal Investment Company Act of 1940 that invests in United States fixed income securities or debt instruments authorized pursuant to Subsections I, J and N of this section, provided that the investment company has total assets under management of at least one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000); or
- (2) individual, common or collective trust funds of banks or trust companies that invest in United States fixed income securities or debt instruments authorized

pursuant to Subsections I, J and N of this section, provided that the investment manager has assets under management of at least one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000).

P. No public funds to be invested in negotiable securities or loans to financial institutions fully secured by negotiable securities at current market value shall be paid out unless there is a contemporaneous transfer of the securities at the earliest time industry practice permits, but in all cases, settlement shall be on a same-day basis either by physical delivery or, in the case of uncertificated securities, by appropriate book entry on the books of the issuer, to the purchaser or to a reputable third-party safekeeping financial institution acting as agent or trustee for the purchaser, which agent or trustee shall furnish timely confirmation to the purchaser."

Section 2. Section 6-10-10.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1988, Chapter 61, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-10-10.1. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT FUND CREATED--DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS--REPORT OF INVESTMENTS.--

A. There is created in the state treasury the "short-term investment fund". The fund shall consist of all deposits from governmental entities and Indian tribes or pueblos that are placed in the custody of the state treasurer for short-term investment purposes pursuant to this section.

The state treasurer shall maintain a separate account for each .140692.1

governmental entity and Indian tribe or pueblo having deposits in the fund.

B. [If any local public body is unable to receive payment on public money at the rate of interest as set forth in Section 6-10-36 NMSA 1978 from financial institutions within the geographic boundaries of the governmental unit, then] A local public body finance official having money of [that] a local public body in his custody not required for current expenditure may, with the consent of the appropriate local board of finance, if any, remit some or all of such money to the state treasurer for deposit for the purpose of short-term investment as allowed by this section.

[C. Before any local funds are invested or reinvested for the purpose of short-term investment pursuant to this section, the local public body finance official shall notify and make such funds available to banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions located within the geographical boundaries of their respective governmental unit, subject to the limitation on credit union accounts. To be eligible for such funds, the financial institution shall pay to the local public body the rate established by the state treasurer pursuant to a policy adopted by the state board of finance for such short-term investments.

 Φ .] C. The local public body finance official shall specify the length of time each deposit shall be in the .140692.1

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short-term investment fund, but in any event the deposit shall not be made for more than one hundred eighty-one days. The state treasurer through the use of the state fiscal agent shall separately track each such deposit and shall make such information available to the public upon written request.

[E.] D. The state treasurer shall invest the short-term investment fund as provided for state funds under Section 6-10-10 NMSA 1978 in investments with a maturity at the time of purchase that does not exceed three hundred ninety-seven days. The state treasurer may elect to have the short-term investment fund consolidated for investment purposes with the state funds under the control of the state treasurer; provided that accurate and detailed accounting records are maintained for the account of each participating entity and Indian tribe or pueblo and that a proportionate amount of interest earned is credited to each of the separate government accounts. The fund shall be invested to achieve its objective, which is to realize the maximum return consistent with safe and prudent management.

[F.] E. At the end of each month, all net investment income or losses from investment of the short-term investment fund shall be distributed by the state treasurer to the contributing entities and Indian tribes or pueblos in amounts directly proportionate to the respective amounts deposited in the fund and the length of time the amounts in

institution.

the fund were invested. The state treasurer shall charge participating entities, Indian tribes and pueblos reasonable audit, administrative and investment expenses to be paid directly from their net investment income for the investment and administrative services provided pursuant to this section.

[G.] F. As used in this section, "local public body" means any political subdivision of the state, including

school districts and any post-secondary educational

[H.] <u>G.</u> In addition to the deposit of funds of local public bodies, the state treasurer may also accept for deposit, deposit and account for, in the same manner as funds of local public bodies, funds of the following governmental entities if the governing authority of the entity approves by resolution the deposit of the funds for the short-term investment:

- (1) the agricultural commodity commission established under the Agricultural Commodity Commission Act;
- (2) the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood control authority established under the Arroyo Flood Control Act;
- (3) the business improvement district management committee established under the Business Improvement District Act;
- (4) the New Mexico community development . 140692.1

1	council established under the New Mexico Community Assistance						
2	Act;						
3	(5) the governing authority of only special						
4	districts authorized under Chapter 73 NMSA 1978;						
5	(6) the board of trustees established under						
6	the Economic Advancement District Act;						
7	(7) the board of directors of a corporation						
8	or foundation established under the Educational Assistance						
9	Act;						
10	(8) a board of directors established under						
11	the Flood Control District Act;						
12	(9) the New Mexico hospital equipment loan						
13	council established under the Hospital Equipment Loan Act;						
14	(10) the authority established under the						
15	Industrial and Agricultural Finance Authority Act;						
16	(11) the authority established under the Las						
17	Cruces Arroyo Flood Control Act;						
18	(12) the authority established under the						
19	Mortgage Finance Authority Act;						
20	(13) the authority established under the						
21	Municipal Mortgage Finance Act;						
22	(14) the authority established under the						
23	Public School Insurance Authority Act;						
24	(15) the authority established under the						
25	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Act;						
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	(16)	a board	of	trustees	establ i shed	under
the Special	Hospi tal	District	Act	; and		

- (17) the authority established under the New Mexico Finance Authority Act.
- [H.] H. In addition to the deposit of funds of local public bodies, the state treasurer may also accept for deposit and deposit and account for, in the same manner as funds of local public bodies, funds of any Indian tribe or pueblo in the state if authorized to do so under a joint powers agreement executed by the state treasurer and the governing authority of the Indian tribe or pueblo under the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreements Act."
- Section 3. Section 6-10-24 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1939, Chapter 21, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:
- "6-10-24. DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN FEDERALLY INSURED BANKS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS-CONDITIONS.--
- A. The state treasurer, the [several] county and municipal treasurers, the treasurers of any public or educational institution in this state and the treasurers of all irrigation districts and conservancy districts may deposit public funds in any bank [of the state of] in New Mexico insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation up to the amount of the insurance or in any savings and loan association whose deposits are insured by the federal [savings and loan]

insurance corporation] savings association insurance fund up to the amount of the insurance or in any credit union whose deposits are insured by the national credit union administration up to the amount of the insurance, without requiring the bank, savings and loan association or credit union to qualify as a public depository by giving security as required by the laws of New Mexico relating to public money; provided, however, that a deposit made in any credit union shall not exceed that amount insured by an agency of the United States.

- B. Except for deposits and investments allowed by other law, the [several] county and municipal treasurers and the treasurers of all irrigation districts and conservancy districts shall not make any deposits outside their respective political subdivisions.
- C. All other boards of control handling public funds in any manner whatever may deposit the public funds in any banks in New Mexico insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation up to the amount of the insurance or in any savings and loan association whose deposits are insured by the federal savings and loan insurance corporation up to the amount of the insurance or in any credit union whose deposits are insured by the national credit union administration up to the amount of such insurance, without requiring the bank, savings and loan association or credit union to qualify as a

public depository by giving security as required by the laws of New Mexico relating to public money; provided, however, that a deposit made in any credit union shall not exceed that amount insured by an agency of the United States."

Section 4. Section 6-10-31 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1929, Chapter 92, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-10-31. INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS.--Any board of finance may, whenever in its opinion such a course is advisable and the public money under its control, or any part thereof, will not be needed immediately for public purposes, place such funds on time deposit with a bank, savings and loan association or credit union whose deposits are insured by an agency of the United States, taking the certificate of deposit or other evidence of indebtedness of the bank, savings and loan association or credit union receiving the deposit; provided, however, that all such deposits shall be secured as provided by law. Except for deposits and investments allowed by other law, no county or municipal board of finance shall make any deposits outside of its county."

Section 5. Section 6-10-36 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977, Chapter 136, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-10-36. PUBLIC MONEY DEPOSITS OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL UNITS--DISTRIBUTION--INTEREST.--

A. All public money, except that in the custody of the state treasurer, institutions of higher education,

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municipalities and counties which have adopted home rule charters as authorized by the constitution of New Mexico and local school boards which have been designated as boards of finance, shall be deposited in qualified depositories in accordance with the terms of this section or invested as otherwise provided by law.

- Deposits of funds of a governmental unit may be made in noninterest-bearing checking accounts in one or more banks or savings and loan associations designated as checking depositories located within the geographical boundaries of the governmental unit. In addition, deposits of funds may be in noninterest-bearing accounts in one or more credit unions designated as checking depositories located within the geographical boundaries of the governmental unit to the extent the deposits are insured by an agency of the United States. If there is no checking depository within the geographical boundaries of the governmental unit, one or more banks, savings and loan associations or credit unions within the county in which the principal office of the governmental unit is located may be so designated [provided any] but credit union deposits [are] must be insured by an agency of the United States.
- C. Except for deposits and investments made

 pursuant to other law, public money placed in interest-bearing

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deposits in banks and savings and loan associations shall be equitably distributed among all banks and savings and loan associations [having] that have their main or manned branch offices within the geographical boundaries of the governmental unit [which] and that have qualified as public depositories by reason of insurance of the account by an agency of the United States or by depositing collateral security or by giving bond as provided by law in the proportion that each bank's or savings and loan association's net worth bears to the total net worth of all banks and savings and loan associations having their main office or manned branch office within the geographical boundaries of the governmental unit. The net worth of the main office of a savings and loan association and its manned branch offices within the geographical boundaries of a governmental unit is the total net worth of the association multiplied by the percentage that deposits of the main office and the manned branch offices located within the geographical boundaries of the governmental unit are of the total deposits of the association. The net worth of each manned branch office or aggregate of manned branch offices of a savings and loan association located outside the geographical boundaries of the governmental unit in which the main office is located is the total net worth of the association multiplied by the percentage that deposits of the branch or the aggregate of branches located outside the

geographical boundaries of the governmental unit in which the main office is located are of the total deposits of the association. The director of the financial institutions division of the regulation and licensing department shall promulgate a formula for determining the net worth of banks' main offices and branches for the purposes of distribution of public money as provided for by this section. "Net worth" means the assets less liabilities as reported by those banks and savings and loan associations on their most recent semiannual reports to the state or federal supervisory authority having jurisdiction.

- D. Public money may be placed at the discretion of the designated board of finance or treasurer in interest-bearing deposits in credit unions having their main or manned branch offices within the geographical boundaries of the governmental unit to the extent [such] the deposits are insured by an agency of the United States.
- E. The rate of interest for all public money deposited in interest-bearing accounts in banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions shall be set by the state board of finance, but in no case shall the rate of interest be less than one hundred percent of the asked price on United States treasury bills of the same maturity on the day of deposit. Any bank or savings and loan association that fails to pay the minimum rate of interest at the time of deposit

provided for herein for any respective deposit forfeits its right to an equitable share of that deposit under this section.

If the deposit is part or all of the proceeds of a bond issue and the interest rate prescribed in this subsection materially exceeds the rate of interest of the bonds, the interest rate prescribed by this subsection shall be reduced on that deposit to an amount not materially exceeding the interest rate of the bonds if the bond issue would lose its tax exempt status pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

- F. Public money in excess of that for which banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions within the geographical boundaries of the governmental unit have qualified may be deposited in qualified depositories in other areas within the state under the same requirements for payment of interest as if the money were deposited within the geographical boundaries of the governmental unit or may be invested as provided by law.
- G. The department of finance and administration may monitor the deposits of public money by governmental units to [assure] ensure full compliance with the provisions of this section."