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SENATE BILL 292

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER; CREATING THE INTERIM WATER COMMITTEE.

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

Section 1. INTERIM WATER COMMITTEE CREATED--DUTIES.--

A. The "water committee" is created as a joint interim legislative committee. The committee shall function from the date of its appointment until the December 1 prior to the first session of the forty-seventh legislature unless terminated earlier by the New Mexico legislative council.

B. The committee shall be composed of members appointed by the New Mexico legislative council from the house of representatives and the senate. The water committee may include members of the council, notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of Section 2-3-3 NMSA 1978. At the time of making the appointments, the council shall designate the

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1 chairman and vice chairman of the committee. Members shall be
2 appointed from each house so as to give the two major
3 political parties in each house the same proportionate
4 representation on the committee as prevails in each house;
5 provided that in no event shall either party have less than
6 one member on the committee. Vacancies on the committee shall
7 be filled by the council.

8 C. No action shall be taken by the committee if a
9 majority of the total membership from either house on the
10 committee rejects such action.

11 D. At the beginning of each interim, the committee
12 shall hold one organizational meeting to develop a work plan
13 and budget for the period prior to January 1 preceding the
14 next regular session of the legislature. The work plan and
15 budget shall be submitted to the New Mexico legislative
16 council for approval. Upon approval of the work plan and
17 budget by the council, the committee may examine any matter
18 relevant to water quantity or water quality.

19 E. Staff for the committee shall be furnished by
20 the legislative council service.