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HOUSE BILL 1

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**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; APPROPRIATING

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FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST

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SESSION, 2015, AND FOR OTHER LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES, INCLUDING

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE, THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE

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COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE, THE

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SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE AND THE

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SENATE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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**SECTION 1. SESSION EXPENSES.--**

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A. There is appropriated from the general fund for

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the expense of the legislative department of the state of New

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for per diem and mileage of its members, for salaries of

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employees and for other expenses of the legislature, nine

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million three hundred fifty-two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$9,352,700) or so much thereof as may be necessary for such purposes.

B. The expenditures referred to in Subsection A of this section are as follows:

(1) per diem for senators . . . . . \$415,800;

(2) per diem for members of the house of representatives.. . . . \$693,000;

(3) mileage traveled by members of the senate going to and returning from the seat of government by the usually traveled route, one round trip. . . . . \$6,800;

(4) mileage traveled by members of the house of representatives going to and returning from the seat of government by the usually traveled route, one round trip . . . . . \$10,450;

(5) salaries and employee benefits of senate employees.. . . . \$2,913,300;

(6) salaries and employee benefits of house of representatives employees.. . . . \$2,967,750;

(7) for expense of the senate not itemized above, six hundred forty-five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$645,700). No part of this item may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits;

(8) for expense of the house of representatives not itemized above, six hundred six thousand

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three hundred dollars (\$606,300). No part of this item may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits; and

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(9) for session expenses of the legislative council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint legislative switchboard, one million ninety-three thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,093,600) to be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service or the director's designee.

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C. The expenditures for the senate shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committees' committee and the chief clerk of the senate or the chief clerk's designee. The expenditures for the house of representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the speaker and chief clerk of the house or the chief clerk's designee. Following adjournment of the session, expenditures authorized pursuant to Paragraphs (1) through (8) of Subsection B of this section shall be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service or the director's designee.

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D. Under the printing contracts entered into for the first session of the fifty-second legislature, the chair of the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of representatives are authorized and directed to provide for the printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,

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memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or  
house, the printing of the weekly bill locator and the printing  
of all necessary stationery required for use in the respective  
houses. They are further directed to provide for the purchase  
of all supplies necessary for use in the respective houses  
within the appropriation provided. The orders for printing,  
stationery and supplies shall be approved by the chair of the  
committees' committee for the senate and by the speaker for the  
house.

SECTION 2. BILLS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS.--

A. For the first session of the fifty-second  
legislature, bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials  
and joint memorials delivered to the printer shall be returned  
by the printer to the joint billroom within forty-two hours  
after they are ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel  
shall supply a complete file of bills, resolutions, joint  
resolutions, memorials, joint memorials and other printed  
distribution materials to the following:

(1) one copy to each member of the house of  
representatives and senate;

(2) upon written request, one copy to each  
county clerk, district judge, radio or television station and  
newspaper and to the general library of each state-supported  
institution of higher learning; and

(3) upon written request, one copy to each

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state department, commission, board, institution or agency,  
each elected state official, each incorporated municipality,  
each district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the  
New Mexico congressional delegation and each public school  
district in the state.

B. Any person not listed in Subsection A of this  
section may secure a complete file of the bills, resolutions,  
joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials of the  
legislature by depositing with the legislative council service  
the amount of seven hundred twenty-five dollars (\$725), which  
deposit shall be paid to the state treasurer to the credit of  
the legislative expense fund. Additional single copies of  
items of legislation shall be sold for two dollars (\$2.00)  
unless the director of the legislative council service shall,  
because of its length, assign a higher price not to exceed ten  
cents (\$.10) per page. Copies of a daily bill locator, other  
than those copies furnished to each member of the respective  
houses, shall be supplied by the legislative council service at  
a charge of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the entire  
session.

**SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.**--There is  
appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council  
service for fiscal year 2016 unless otherwise indicated, to be  
disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative  
council service or the director's designee, the following:

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A. Personal Services &	
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,673,700
Contractual Services	235,000
Other Costs	1,169,500
Total	\$ 6,078,200;

B. for travel expenses of legislators other than New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative council business, for committee travel, studies, staff and other necessary expenses for other interim committees and for other necessary legislative expenses for fiscal year 2016, eight hundred sixty-one thousand two hundred dollars (\$861,200); provided that the New Mexico legislative council may transfer amounts from the appropriation in this subsection, during the fiscal year for which appropriated, to any other legislative appropriation where they may be needed;

C. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary contracts, furniture, equipment, supplies and personnel for interim session preparation, four hundred twenty-six thousand six hundred dollars (\$426,600); and

D. for a statewide legislative intern program, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.--There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance committee for fiscal year 2016, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committee or the chair's designated

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representative, the following:

2	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 3,778,300
3	Contractual Services	259,600
4	Other Costs	312,400
5	Total	\$ 4,350,300.

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7 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative  
8 education study committee for fiscal year 2016, to be disbursed  
9 on vouchers signed by the chair of the committee or the chair's  
10 designated representative, the following:

11	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 1,188,063
12	Contractual Services	16,500
13	Other Costs	104,300
14	Total	\$ 1,308,863.

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16 from the general fund to the legislative council service for  
17 the interim duties of the senate rules committee, twenty  
18 thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500) for fiscal year 2016.

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20 the general fund to the legislative council service for  
21 expenditure in fiscal year 2016 for the operation of the house  
22 chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the  
23 director of the legislative council service, the following:

24	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 978,300
25	Contractual Services	128,000

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Other Costs 72,500

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Total \$ 1,178,800.

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SECTION 8. SENATE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 2016 for the operation of the senate chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service, the following:

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Personal Services & Employee Benefits \$ 998,800

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Contractual Services 154,800

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Other Costs 60,300

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Total \$ 1,213,900.

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SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM.--There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal years 2015 and 2016 for the legislative information system, seven hundred thirty-one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$731,900).

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SECTION 10. EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE DATABASE--

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SELF-PUBLICATION.--There is appropriated from the legislative

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cash balances to the legislative council service for the

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partnership role in the self-publication of the New Mexico statutes annotated, 1978, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for expenditure during fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

**SECTION 11. CATEGORY TRANSFER.**--Amounts set out in Sections 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 of this act are provided for informational purposes only and may be freely transferred among categories.

**SECTION 12. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**--Each legislative agency shall adhere to the performance measures specified in its strategic plan and shall make reports as required in that plan.

**SECTION 13. EMERGENCY.**--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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