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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 20  
**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL  
REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE TO STUDY THE USE OF  
A REVISOR OF STATUTES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico became a state of the United States of  
America in 1912; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has crafted and passed  
many laws since 1912, many of which are still in the New Mexico  
statutes annotated; and

WHEREAS, many of New Mexico's laws contain antiquated,  
confusing or invalid language or provisions; and

WHEREAS, many states have created a revisor of statutes  
within their bill drafting services; and

WHEREAS, the job of a revisor of statutes is to report to  
the drafting service any defects found in state statute or the  
state constitution and to draft proposed legislation for

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1 recommendation to the legislature;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council service be  
4 requested to investigate the cost and process of employing a  
5 revisor of statutes; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of the  
7 legislative council service report the findings of the  
8 investigation to the New Mexico legislative council; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the director of the legislative council service.