## SENATE INDIAN, RURAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 468

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO FUND A TRIBAL LIAISON PROGRAM IN EACH COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Thirty-three million dollars (\$33,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the local government division of the department of finance and administration for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for tribal liaison programs in county clerk offices that choose to participate in the program to aid the county's Native American population and ensure equal access to all phases of the electoral process by providing voter education and awareness, translation services and voter registration drives, all on a nonpartisan basis. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance

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remaining at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund.

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