

1 HOUSE BILL 295  
2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO TAXATION; MAKING IMPROVEMENTS ON LAND OWNED BY THE  
12 NEW MEXICO RENEWABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX  
13 FOR SO LONG AS THE AUTHORITY HOLDS TITLE TO THE PROPERTY.  
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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. Section 7-36-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1976,  
17 Chapter 61, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "7-36-4. FRACTIONAL PROPERTY INTERESTS--DEFINITIONS--  
19 TAXATION AND VALUATION OF FRACTIONAL INTERESTS.--

20 A. As used in this section:

21 (1) "fractional interest" means a tangible  
22 interest in real property, except for mineral property as  
23 defined in Section 7-36-22 NMSA 1978, that is less than the  
24 total of the interests existing in the property, but  
25 "fractional interest" does not include those property interests

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1 described in Sections 7-36-3, 7-36-3.1 and 7-36-3.2 NMSA 1978  
2 nor does it include the lessee's interest under a lease when  
3 the term of the lease is more than seventy-five years;

4 (2) "exempt entity" means any person whose  
5 real property is exempt from taxation under the constitution of  
6 New Mexico or the Enabling Act (36 Stat. 557, as amended) by  
7 reason of ownership;

8 (3) "exempt property" means property that is  
9 exempt from property taxation pursuant to Article 8, Section 3  
10 of the constitution of New Mexico by reason of use;

11 (4) "improvements" includes surface and  
12 subsurface structures, fixtures, transmission lines, pipelines  
13 and other works, but "improvements" does not include:

14 (a) that property either included or  
15 specifically excluded under the terms "property used in  
16 connection with mineral property" under Section 7-36-23 NMSA  
17 1978, "property used in connection with potash mineral  
18 property" under Section 7-36-24 NMSA 1978 and "property used in  
19 connection with uranium mineral property" under Section  
20 7-36-25 NMSA 1978;

21 (b) a dwelling occupied by a low-income  
22 resident in a housing project authorized under the provisions  
23 of the Municipal Housing Law; and

24 (c) those property interests described  
25 in Sections 7-36-3, 7-36-3.1 and 7-36-3.2 NMSA 1978;

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1 (5) "nonexempt entity" means any person that  
2 is not an exempt entity; and

3 (6) "nonexempt property" means property that  
4 is not exempt property.

5 B. Fractional interests of nonexempt entities in  
6 real property of exempt entities are exempt from property  
7 taxation under the Property Tax Code, but this exemption shall  
8 not apply to the following property:

9 (1) improvements of land of an exempt entity  
10 if the improvements are owned or leased by a nonexempt entity;  
11 these improvements are subject to valuation for property  
12 taxation purposes and to property taxation to be paid by the  
13 nonexempt entity; provided, however, that improvements,  
14 including leasehold interest in the improvements, are exempt if  
15 the improvements are:

16 (a) electric transmission and  
17 interconnected storage facilities and all related structures,  
18 properties and supporting infrastructure that have been  
19 acquired by the New Mexico renewable energy transmission  
20 authority and qualify as an eligible facility pursuant to the  
21 New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority Act; and

22 (b) leased by the New Mexico renewable  
23 energy transmission authority to a nonexempt entity to  
24 construct, operate or assist the authority in constructing or  
25 operating the eligible facility; and

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1 (2) property interests of nonexempt entities  
2 held under equitable title in the property of exempt entities.

3 C. When fractional interests are created in  
4 property:

5 (1) fractional interests that are nonexempt  
6 property shall be reported to the appropriate valuation  
7 authority by the fractional interest owners for valuation for  
8 property tax purposes if the owner is a nonexempt entity; and

9 (2) except for fractional interests owned by  
10 the United States, an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo, the state  
11 of New Mexico or a political subdivision of the state,  
12 fractional interests that are owned by a nonexempt entity but  
13 are claimed to be exempt property shall be reported by the  
14 owner to the appropriate valuation authority for a  
15 determination of exemption status and valuation if determined  
16 to be nonexempt property.

17 D. Fractional interests that are nonexempt property  
18 shall be valued by the applicable method of valuation pursuant  
19 to the Property Tax Code, and if fractional interests that are  
20 exempt property have been created, the value of the remaining  
21 nonexempt fractional interests shall be determined in the  
22 property tax year following the creation of the interests as  
23 the value of the property in the property tax year immediately  
24 prior to the year in which creation of the fractional interests  
25 occurred, increased or decreased by the value directly

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1       attributable to the creation of the fractional interests that  
2       are exempt property. For subsequent property tax years, the  
3       nonexempt fractional interests shall be valued pursuant to the  
4       applicable methods of valuation."

5               **SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY.**--The provisions of this act  
6       apply to the 2026 and subsequent property tax years.