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SENATE BILL 475

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO DISTRICT MAPPING; REQUIRING CERTAIN DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM MAPS OF THE DISTRICT'S BOUNDARIES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO; REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF THOSE MAPS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EVERY COUNTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. A new Section 1-3-20.1 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"1-3-20.1. [NEW MATERIAL] GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM DATA--REQUIRED--DISTRICTS.--

A. As used in this section, "district" means an entity that participates in a regular local election.

B. All districts shall draw their respective

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1 district maps using geographic information system data to
2 determine their district boundaries and delineate any election
3 districts. A district shall collaborate with the secretary of
4 state and the earth data analysis center at the university of
5 New Mexico to generate a geographic information system map for
6 that district.

7 C. By March 1, 2027, and in each year ending in two
8 following the federal decennial census thereafter, a district
9 shall provide that geographic information system map pursuant
10 to Subsection B of this section to the secretary of state and
11 to the county commissioners of every county within the
12 district."

13 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Two hundred thousand dollars
14 (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board
15 of regents of the university of New Mexico for expenditure in
16 fiscal year 2026 and subsequent fiscal years for the earth data
17 analysis center at the university of New Mexico to assist
18 districts in drawing geographic information system maps. Any
19 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a
20 fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.