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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; MAKING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH
LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION, 2025, AND FOR OTHER LEGISLATIVE
EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE, THE
LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION
STUDY COMMITTEE, THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE CHIEF
CLERK'S OFFICE, THE SENATE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE AND OTHER
EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. SESSION EXPENSES.--

A. There is appropriated from the general fund for
the expense of the legislative department of the state of New
Mexico for the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature
for per diem and mileage of its members, for salaries of
employees and for other expenses of the legislature, eleven
million four hundred forty-seven thousand eight hundred
dollars (\$11,447,800) 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 \$550,700;
- (2) per diem for members of the house of
representatives \$917,700;

1 (3) mileage traveled by members of the
2 senate going to and returning from the seat of government by
3 the usually traveled route, one round trip. \$7,800;

4 (4) mileage traveled by members of the house
5 of representatives going to and returning from the seat of
6 government by the usually traveled route, one round trip. . .
7 \$12,900;

8 (5) salaries and employee benefits of senate
9 employees \$3,500,000;

10 (6) salaries and employee benefits of house
11 of representatives employees. \$3,490,700;

12 (7) for expense of the senate not itemized
13 above, two hundred twenty thousand four hundred dollars
14 (\$220,400). No part of this item may be transferred to
15 salaries or employee benefits;

16 (8) for expense of the house of
17 representatives not itemized above, five hundred six thousand
18 two hundred dollars (\$506,200). No part of this item may be
19 transferred to salaries or employee benefits; and

20 (9) for session expenses of the legislative
21 council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint
22 legislative switchboard, two million two hundred forty-one
23 thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,241,400) to be disbursed
24 upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative
25 council service or the director's designee.

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

12 D. Under the printing contracts entered into for
13 the first session of the fifty-seventh legislature, the chair
14 of the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the
15 approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of
16 representatives are authorized and directed to provide for
17 the printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,
18 memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or
19 house, the printing of the bill locator and the printing of
20 all necessary stationery required for use in the respective
21 houses. They are further directed to provide for the
22 purchase of all supplies necessary for use in the respective
23 houses within the appropriation provided. The orders for
24 printing, stationery and supplies shall be approved by the
25 chair of the committees' committee in the senate or by the

1 speaker of the house.

2 SECTION 2. BILLS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS.--For the
3 first session of the fifty-seventh legislature, bills,
4 resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials
5 delivered to the printer shall be returned by the printer to
6 the joint billroom within forty-two hours after they are
7 ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel shall supply a
8 complete file of bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,
9 memorials, joint memorials and other printed distribution
10 materials to the following:

11 A. upon request, one copy to each member of the
12 house of representatives and the senate;

13 B. upon written request, one copy to each county
14 clerk, district judge, radio or television station and
15 newspaper and to the general library of each state-supported
16 institution of higher learning; and

17 C. upon written request, one copy to each state
18 department, commission, board, institution or agency, each
19 elected state official, each incorporated municipality, each
20 district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the New
21 Mexico congressional delegation and each school district in
22 the state.

23 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.--There is
24 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council
25 service for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, to be disbursed

1 upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative
2 council service or the director's designee, the following:

3	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$10,122,400
4	Contractual Services	620,000
5	Other Costs	1,442,200
6	Total	\$12,184,600.

7 SECTION 4. LEGISLATURE.--There is appropriated from the
8 general fund, unless otherwise indicated, for the expense of
9 the legislative department, not provided for in Section 1 of
10 this act, for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, unless
11 otherwise indicated, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by
12 the director of the legislative council service or the
13 director's designee, the following:

14 A. for travel expenses of legislators other than
15 New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative
16 council business, for committee travel, staff and other
17 necessary expenses for other interim committees and for other
18 necessary legislative expenses, four million dollars
19 (\$4,000,000); provided that the New Mexico legislative
20 council may transfer amounts from the appropriation in this
21 subsection, during the fiscal years for which appropriated,
22 to any other legislative appropriation where they may be
23 needed;

24 B. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary
25 contracts, supplies and personnel for interim session

1 preparation, five hundred ten thousand dollars (\$510,000);

2 C. for a statewide legislative intern program,
3 sixty-one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$61,800);

4 D. for dues and fees of national organizations of
5 which the legislature is a member, four hundred sixty-five
6 thousand eight hundred dollars (\$465,800);

7 E. for the legislative information system, for
8 fiscal years 2025 and 2026, three million one hundred
9 eighty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$3,188,900);

10 F. for the interim duties of the senate rules
11 committee, thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000);

12 G. for the contractual services of the capitol
13 buildings planning commission, two hundred fifty-seven
14 thousand five hundred dollars (\$257,500);

15 H. for legislative district staff, including
16 salaries and benefits, information technology equipment and
17 software, furniture, supplies, office space and other
18 necessary support, fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000).

19 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end
20 of fiscal year 2026 from the appropriation in this subsection
21 shall revert to the general fund;

22 I. for expenditure in fiscal years 2026 through
23 2028 from legislative cash balances for equipment, furniture,
24 upgrades and repairs for the state capitol complex, four
25 million dollars (\$4,000,000);

1 J. for expenditure in fiscal years 2025 and 2026
2 from legislative cash balances for the ongoing planning,
3 output development and design of a legislative processing
4 system, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); and

5 K. for expenditure in fiscal years 2025 and 2026
6 from legislative cash balances for the New Mexico
7 legislature's support of the legislative clerks and
8 secretaries section of the national conference of state
9 legislatures to perform such functions as are necessary to
10 prepare for the 2025 annual meeting to be held in Santa Fe,
11 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

12 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.--There is
13 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance
14 committee, to be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the chair
15 of the committee or the chair's designated representative:

16 A. for expenditure in fiscal year 2026, the
17 following:

18	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$6,525,100
19	Contractual Services	386,000
20	Other Costs	549,600
21	Total	\$7,460,700;

22 B. for expenditure in fiscal year 2025, seven
23 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for ongoing
24 collaboration on the salary study related to the state's job
25 architecture for classified employees; and

1 C. for expenditure in fiscal year 2025, three
2 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to purchase
3 economic analysis software.

4 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE.--

5 There is appropriated from the general fund to the
6 legislative education study committee for expenditure in
7 fiscal year 2026, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the
8 chair of the committee or the chair's designated
9 representative, the following:

10	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$1,686,200
11	Contractual Services	70,000
12	Other Costs	190,000
13	Total	\$1,946,200.

14 SECTION 7. HOUSE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated
15 from the general fund to the legislative council service for
16 expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for the operation of the
17 house chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers
18 signed by the director of the legislative council service,
19 the following:

20	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$3,152,800
21	Contractual Services	444,400
22	Other Costs	72,600
23	Total	\$3,669,800.

24 SECTION 8. SENATE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated
25 from the general fund to the legislative council service for

1 expenditure in fiscal year 2026 for the operation of the
2 senate chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers
3 signed by the director of the legislative council service,
4 the following:

5	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$2,804,800
6	Contractual Services	511,300
7	Other Costs	105,900
8	Total	\$3,422,000.

9 SECTION 9. OFFICIAL MASTER DATABASE OF LAWS--SELF-
10 PUBLICATION--FREE ACCESS TECHNOLOGY--HARD-COPY PUBLICATION.--

11 There is appropriated from the legislative cash balances for
12 the legislative department's share of the continued
13 development required for the master database of official
14 annotated laws of the state, markup language and tagging and
15 its use for legislative document systems and a tagged
16 database of the session laws and for the costs associated in
17 collaborating with the New Mexico compilation commission on
18 the ongoing development and expanding partnership role with
19 the New Mexico compilation commission in the self-publication
20 of the *New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978*, including
21 technology for freely accessible laws and hard-copy
22 publication, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for
23 expenditure during fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

24 SECTION 10. CATEGORY TRANSFER.--Amounts set out in
25 Sections 3 through 8 of this act are provided for

1 informational purposes only and may be transferred among
2 categories.

3 **SECTION 11. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**--Each legislative
4 agency shall adhere to the performance measures specified in
5 its strategic plan and shall make reports as required in that
6 plan.

7 **SECTION 12. EMERGENCY.**--It is necessary for the public
8 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
9 immediately. _____

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