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SENATE BILL

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

INTRODUCED BY

DISCUSSION DRAFT

AN ACT

RELATING TO REDISTRICTING; CREATING THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY  
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE; REQUIRING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO  
CONVENE THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE TO  
RECOMMEND REDISTRICTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR NEW MEXICO  
COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOLLOWING THE 2030 FEDERAL  
DECENNIAL CENSUS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

**SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY  
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE--CREATED--FINDINGS--REPORT.--**

A. The "county and municipality redistricting task  
force" is created and shall function from the date of its  
appointment until December 1, 2024. The local government  
division of the department of finance and administration shall

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1 be the fiscal agent for the task force and shall contract with  
2 the New Mexico association of counties and the New Mexico  
3 municipal league to convene the task force.

4 B. The task force shall study the redistricting  
5 plans of each county and municipality and develop  
6 recommendations to standardize the policies and procedures for  
7 redistricting across all counties and municipalities following  
8 the 2030 federal decennial census. The task force shall hold  
9 public meetings, hear testimony and receive public comment.

10 C. The task force shall hire or contract with a  
11 consultant or expert to provide the task force with information  
12 to assist in developing its recommendations.

13 D. Task force members shall be appointed by the New  
14 Mexico association of counties and the New Mexico municipal  
15 league and shall include local elected officials, community  
16 leaders of different populations within the counties and  
17 municipalities, a representative of the New Mexico association  
18 of counties and a representative of the New Mexico municipal  
19 league.

20 E. Public members of the task force may receive per  
21 diem and mileage as provided for nonsalaried public officers in  
22 the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no other  
23 compensation, perquisite or allowance.

24 F. The task force shall report and present its  
25 findings and recommendations to the appropriate interim

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