

## AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, INCLUDING EXPENSES OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE AND THE SALARIES OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. For the expenses of the senate, including supplies and materials, printing and other operating costs, contractual services, maintenance and repairs and other session-related expenses, the sum of two hundred eighty-two thousand four hundred seventy-six dollars (\$282,476) is appropriated to the senate. Of this appropriation, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is appropriated from the cash balances of the legislative council service and one hundred eighty-two thousand four hundred seventy-six dollars (\$182,476) is appropriated from the general fund. No part of this appropriation may be transferred to salaries and benefits.

Section 2. For the expenses of the house of representatives, including supplies and materials, printing and other operating costs, contractual services, maintenance and repairs and other session-related expenses, the sum of two hundred seventy thousand forty-five dollars (\$270,045) is appropriated to the house of representatives. Of this appropriation, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is appropriated from the cash balances of the legislative council service and one hundred seventy thousand forty-five dollars (\$170,045) is appropriated from the general fund. No part of this appropriation may be transferred to salaries and benefits.

Section 3. The expenditures for the house of representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the speaker and chief clerk of the house; the expenditures for the senate shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chairman of the committees' committee and the chief clerk of the senate; provided that, following adjournment of the session, expenditures authorized under this section shall be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service.

Section 4. One million six hundred fifty-three thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,653,200) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance committee for expenditure in fiscal year 2001 for the purpose of paying the personal services of the committee staff. Four hundred ninety-two thousand dollars (\$492,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance committee for expenditure in fiscal year 2001 for the purpose of paying the employee benefits of the committee staff. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the general fund. Expenditures authorized pursuant to this section shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chairman of the legislative finance committee or the chairman's designated representative.

Section 5. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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