

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO COVER A BUDGET SHORTFALL DUE TO INCREASED COSTS OF THE 2000 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- Four hundred thirteen thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$413,530) is appropriated from the general fund to the office of the secretary of state for expenditure in fiscal year 2001 to pay for a budget shortfall due to increased costs of the 2000 primary and general elections and increased costs related to increases in voter registration and increases in printing, publication and supply costs. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the general fund.

Section 2. EMERGENCY. -- It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately. _____