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**HOUSE BILL 578**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO THE PAROLE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION BASED ON THE NUMBER OF FILES REQUIRED TO BE PREPARED FOR HEARINGS OF THE BOARD; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

**Section 1. Section 31-21-24 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 194, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:**

**"31-21-24. PAROLE BOARD--MEMBERS--APPOINTMENT--TERMS--QUALIFICATIONS--COMPENSATION--ORGANIZATION.--**

**A. There is created the "parole board" consisting of nine members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate.**

**B. The terms of the members of the parole board shall be six years. To provide for staggered terms, three of**

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1 the initially appointed members, including the chairman, shall  
2 be appointed for terms of six years, three members for terms  
3 of four years and three members for terms of two years.

4 Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for six-year terms.

5 C. Members of the parole board may be removed by  
6 the governor as provided in Article 5, Section 5 of the  
7 constitution of New Mexico. Vacancies shall be filled by  
8 appointment by the governor for the remainder of the unexpired  
9 term.

10 D. Members of the parole board shall be persons  
11 qualified by such academic training or professional experience  
12 as is deemed necessary to render them fit to serve as members  
13 of the board. No member of the board shall be an official or  
14 employee of any other federal, state or local government  
15 entity.

16 E. Members of the parole board shall receive per  
17 diem and mileage as provided for nonsalaried public officers  
18 in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive [~~no other~~  
19 ~~compensation, perquisite or allowance~~] ten dollars (\$10.00)  
20 for each case reviewed that has been scheduled for a parole  
21 hearing.

22 F. The governor shall designate one member of the  
23 parole board to serve as chairman, who in addition to other  
24 duties shall coordinate with the corrections department in the  
25 furnishing of services pursuant to Section 9-3-11 NMSA 1978.

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