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SENATE BILL 539

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS; AMENDING THE INSPECTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL DUTIES FOR THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS FOR A PUBLIC BODY.

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

Section 1. Section 14-2-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 258, Section 4) is amended to read:

"14-2-7. DESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAN--DUTIES.--Each public body shall designate at least one custodian of public records who shall:

A. receive and respond to requests to inspect public records;

B. provide proper and reasonable opportunities to inspect public records; [and]

C. provide reasonable facilities to make or

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 furnish copies of the public records during usual business
2 hours; and

3 D. post in a conspicuous location at the
4 administrative office of each public agency a notice
5 describing:

6 (1) the right of a person to inspect a public
7 body's records;

8 (2) procedures for requesting inspection of
9 public records;

10 (3) procedures for requesting copies of
11 public records;

12 (4) fees for copying public records; and

13 (5) the responsibility of a public body to
14 make available public records for inspection."