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SENATE BILL 172

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS; PROHIBITING PUBLIC PROPERTY OR PUBLICLY FUNDED PROGRAMS TO BE NAMED AFTER LIVING PERSONS OR PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHILE THEY ARE IN OFFICE; REQUIRING A PROCESS FOR NAMING PUBLIC PROPERTY.

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

SECTION 1. PUBLIC OFFICIALS--PROHIBITION AGAINST PUBLIC PROPERTY OR PROGRAMS BEING NAMED AFTER THEM DURING TERM OF OFFICE.--The state or any of its agencies, branches, boards, commissions, committees, institutions or instrumentalities or any political subdivision of the state, including home rule municipalities and including any of their institutions or instrumentalities, shall not name, whether officially or unofficially, any portion or the whole of real or personal public property or any publicly funded program after a public

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1 official during the public official's term of office,
2 regardless of the funding source for the public property or
3 program.

4 SECTION 2. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROGRAMS--NAMING
5 PROCEDURES.--

6 A. Public buildings are not required to be named
7 after a person. No public building built in whole or in part
8 with public money shall be named after or in honor of a living
9 person.

10 B. For any public building built in whole or in
11 part with state funding, the procedures provided in this
12 section shall apply.

13 C. For a state building under the control of the
14 property control division of the general services department,
15 the secretary of general services shall appoint a naming
16 committee to develop a list of at least three names for review
17 by the secretary and the governor.

18 D. For a state building under the control of the
19 cultural affairs department, department of game and fish,
20 department of transportation, state fair commission, state
21 armory board, state land office, state parks division of the
22 energy, minerals and natural resources department, public
23 employees retirement association, educational retirement board,
24 border authority, state educational institutions specified in
25 Article 12, Section 11 of the constitution of New Mexico,

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1 regional education cooperatives, the public school facilities
2 authority, the economic development department for property
3 acquired pursuant to the Statewide Economic Development Finance
4 Act, the judicial branch or the legislative branch, the
5 secretary, director, board, commission or other final decision-
6 maker shall appoint a naming committee to develop a list of at
7 least three names for review by the final decision-maker.

8 E. For a public building that is not a state
9 building, the executive head of the political subdivision that
10 owns the public building shall appoint a naming committee to
11 develop a list of at least three names for review by the person
12 designated as the final decision-maker.

13 F. In developing the list, the naming committee may
14 propose descriptive or associative names, names honoring a
15 place, object or event or names honoring a person who made a
16 major contribution to New Mexico history, culture,
17 administration or development.

18 G. If the naming committee considers listing a
19 person for consideration, it shall conduct extensive research
20 and solicit input from the state historian and community in
21 which the public building is located.