AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC FACILITIES; PROHIBITING THE NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AFTER CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] PUBLIC FACILITIES--NAMING--PROHIBITION--EXCEPTIONS.--

A. As used in this section:

(1) "public entity" means the state or any political subdivision of the state;

(2) "public facility" means any real property owned by, or the acquisition, construction, maintenance or operation of which is funded in whole or in part by, a public entity; and

(3) "public officer" means a person elected to public office or any person appointed or employed by a public

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entity.

B. A public facility shall not be named for a public officer during the period in which that person is a public officer.

C. A public facility shall not be named for any person or public officer who has been convicted of a felony or crimes of moral turpitude. A public facility or public building named for such person shall have that name removed immediately, whether or not another name has been offered or approved for substitution and renaming.

D. A public facility that has been named for a person who was not a public officer at the time of the naming may continue to bear that name if the person subsequently becomes a public officer.

E. A public facility named for a public officer prior to the effective date of this section may continue to bear the name of that public officer.

F. For a public facility under the control of the facilities management division of the general services department, the secretary of general services shall appoint a naming committee to develop a list of at least three names for consideration by the secretary and the governor.

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