

HOUSE BILL 249

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO  
CONVENE A NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING TASK FORCE; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**SECTION 1.** [NEW MATERIAL] SECRETARY OF STATE--NATIVE  
AMERICAN VOTING TASK FORCE.--

A. The secretary of state shall establish, convene  
and support a "Native American voting task force".

B. The Native American voting task force shall make  
findings and recommendations to the secretary of state  
regarding Native American voting education and information.

C. The Native American voting task force shall have  
ten members, appointed by the secretary of state. The members  
of the task force shall include:

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- 1 (1) three members from the Navajo Nation;
- 2 (2) one member from the Pueblo of Taos, the
- 3 Pueblo of Picuris, Ohkay Owingeh, the Pueblo of Santa Clara,
- 4 the Pueblo of San Ildefonso, the Pueblo of Nambe, the Pueblo of
- 5 Pojoaque or the Pueblo of Tesuque;
- 6 (3) one member from the Pueblo of Cochiti,
- 7 Kewa Pueblo, the Pueblo of San Felipe, the Pueblo of Santa Ana,
- 8 the Pueblo of Sandia, the Pueblo of Zia, the Pueblo of Jemez or
- 9 the Pueblo of Isleta;
- 10 (4) one member from the Pueblo of Acoma, the
- 11 Pueblo of Laguna or the Pueblo of Zuni;
- 12 (5) one member from the Mescalero Apache
- 13 Tribe;
- 14 (6) one member from the Fort Sill Apache
- 15 Tribe;
- 16 (7) one member from the Jicarilla Apache
- 17 Nation; and
- 18 (8) one Native American who resides in an
- 19 urban area.

20 D. Members of the Native American voting task force  
21 shall not receive compensation for the performance of their  
22 duties but shall be paid per diem and mileage for attendance at  
23 meetings of the task force as provided in the Per Diem and  
24 Mileage Act for nonsalaried public officials.

25 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Forty thousand dollars

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1 (\$40,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the office  
2 of the secretary of state for expenditure in fiscal year 2020  
3 and subsequent fiscal years to convene a Native American voting  
4 task force. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
5 at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general  
6 fund.

7 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
8 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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