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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; MAKING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH
LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION, 2023, AND FOR OTHER LEGISLATIVE
EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE, THE
LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION
STUDY COMMITTEE, THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE CHIEF
CLERK'S OFFICE, THE SENATE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE AND OTHER
EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. SESSION EXPENSES.--

A. There is appropriated from the general fund for
the expense of the legislative department of the state of New
Mexico for the first session of the fifty-sixth legislature
for per diem and mileage of its members, for salaries of
employees and for other expenses of the legislature, eleven
million seven hundred forty-seven thousand one hundred
dollars (\$11,747,100) or so much thereof as may be necessary
for such purposes.

B. The expenditures referred to in Subsection A of
this section are as follows:

- (1) per diem for senators . . . \$ 448,600;
- (2) per diem for members of the house of
representatives \$ 788,000;

1 (3) mileage traveled by members of the
2 senate going to and returning from the seat of government by
3 the usually traveled route, one round trip. . . . \$ 7,300;

4 (4) mileage traveled by members of the house
5 of representatives going to and returning from the seat of
6 government by the usually traveled route, one round trip. . .
7 \$ 10,900;

8 (5) salaries and employee benefits of senate
9 employees \$ 4,765,400;

10 (6) salaries and employee benefits of house
11 of representatives employees. \$ 2,927,600;

12 (7) for expense of the senate not itemized
13 above, seven hundred forty-two thousand five hundred dollars
14 (\$742,500). No part of this item may be transferred to
15 salaries or employee benefits;

16 (8) for expense of the house of
17 representatives not itemized above, five hundred one thousand
18 four hundred dollars (\$501,400). No part of this item may be
19 transferred to salaries or employee benefits; and

20 (9) for session expenses of the legislative
21 council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint
22 legislative switchboard, one million five hundred fifty-five
23 thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,555,400) to be disbursed
24 upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative
25 council service or the director's designee.

1 C. The expenditures for the senate shall be
2 disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committees'
3 committee and the chief clerk of the senate or the chief
4 clerk's designee. The expenditures for the house of
5 representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the
6 speaker and chief clerk of the house or the chief clerk's
7 designee. Following adjournment of the session, expenditures
8 authorized pursuant to Paragraphs (1) through (8) of
9 Subsection B of this section shall be disbursed upon vouchers
10 signed by the director of the legislative council service or
11 the director's designee.

12 D. Under the printing contracts entered into for
13 the first session of the fifty-sixth legislature, the chair
14 of the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the
15 approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of
16 representatives are authorized and directed to provide for
17 the printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,
18 memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or
19 house, the printing of the bill locator and the printing of
20 all necessary stationery required for use in the respective
21 houses. They are further directed to provide for the
22 purchase of all supplies necessary for use in the respective
23 houses within the appropriation provided. The orders for
24 printing, stationery and supplies shall be approved by the
25 chair of the committees' committee in the senate or by the

1 speaker of the house.

2 **SECTION 2. BILLS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS.**--For the
3 first session of the fifty-sixth legislature, bills,
4 resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials
5 delivered to the printer shall be returned by the printer to
6 the joint billroom within forty-two hours after they are
7 ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel shall supply a
8 complete file of bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,
9 memorials, joint memorials and other printed distribution
10 materials to the following:

11 A. upon request, one copy to each member of the
12 house of representatives and the senate;

13 B. upon written request, one copy to each county
14 clerk, district judge, radio or television station and
15 newspaper and to the general library of each state-supported
16 institution of higher learning; and

17 C. upon written request, one copy to each state
18 department, commission, board, institution or agency, each
19 elected state official, each incorporated municipality, each
20 district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the New
21 Mexico congressional delegation and each school district in
22 the state.

23 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.**--There is
24 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council
25 service, to be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the director

1 of the legislative council service or the director's
2 designee:

3 A. for fiscal year 2024, the following:

4 Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$6,652,100
5 Contractual Services	820,000
6 Other Costs	1,076,700
7 Total	\$8,548,800;

8 and

9 B. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 and 2024,
10 seven hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$720,000) for
11 additional interim committee staff or contractors to support
12 interim committees and to provide legal and policy research
13 or other services necessary to support the legislature.

14 **SECTION 4. LEGISLATURE.**--There is appropriated from the
15 general fund, unless otherwise indicated, for the expense of
16 the legislative department, not provided for in Section 1 of
17 this act, for fiscal year 2024, unless otherwise indicated,
18 to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the
19 legislative council service or the director's designee, the
20 following:

21 A. for travel expenses of legislators other than
22 New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative
23 council business, for committee travel, staff and other
24 necessary expenses for other interim committees and for other
25 necessary legislative expenses, for fiscal years 2023 and

1 2024, four million dollars (\$4,000,000); provided that the
2 New Mexico legislative council may transfer amounts from the
3 appropriation in this subsection, during the fiscal years for
4 which appropriated, to any other legislative appropriation
5 where they may be needed;

6 B. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary
7 contracts, supplies and personnel for interim session
8 preparation, five hundred ten thousand dollars (\$510,000);

9 C. for a statewide legislative intern program,
10 fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000);

11 D. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 and 2024,
12 for dues and fees of national organizations of which the
13 legislature is a member, four hundred thirty-five thousand
14 three hundred dollars (\$435,300);

15 E. for the legislative information system, for
16 fiscal years 2023 and 2024, two million one hundred forty-
17 three thousand nine hundred dollars (\$2,143,900);

18 F. for the interim duties of the senate rules
19 committee, thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000);

20 G. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 through
21 2026, for the ongoing planning, output development and design
22 of a legislative processing system, nine million five hundred
23 thousand dollars (\$9,500,000);

24 H. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 and 2024,
25 for audiovisual upgrades to committee rooms for virtual,

1 hybrid and webcasting hardware, software and installation,
2 one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000);

3 I. for the contractual services of the capitol
4 buildings planning commission, one hundred fifty thousand
5 dollars (\$150,000);

6 J. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 through
7 2026, the purchase and installation of a constituent services
8 platform, including applicable licenses and subscriptions,
9 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000);

10 K. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 and 2024,
11 for upgrades to the house and senate chamber display boards,
12 one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000); and

13 L. for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 and 2024,
14 to hire a consulting entity to consider the feasibility of
15 and make recommendations to the New Mexico legislative
16 council on the logistics and resources needed for district
17 staff offices and operations for the legislature, two million
18 five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).

19 **SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**--There is
20 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance
21 committee, to be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the chair
22 of the committee or the chair's designated representative for
23 fiscal year 2024, the following:

24	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$4,875,000
25	Contractual Services	325,300

1	Other Costs	473,000
2	Total	\$5,673,300.

3 **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE.--**

4 There is appropriated from the general fund to the
5 legislative education study committee for fiscal year 2024,
6 to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the
7 committee or the chair's designated representative, the
8 following:

9	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$1,478,000
10	Contractual Services	50,000
11	Other Costs	170,000
12	Total	\$1,698,000.

13 **SECTION 7. HOUSE CHIEF CLERK.--**There is appropriated
14 from the general fund to the legislative council service for
15 expenditure in fiscal year 2024 for the operation of the
16 house chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers
17 signed by the director of the legislative council service,
18 the following:

19	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$2,228,300
20	Contractual Services	721,000
21	Other Costs	56,700
22	Total	\$3,006,000.

23 **SECTION 8. SENATE CHIEF CLERK.--**There is appropriated
24 from the general fund to the legislative council service for
25 expenditure in fiscal year 2024 for the operation of the

1 senate chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers
2 signed by the director of the legislative council service,
3 the following:

4	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$2,190,600
5	Contractual Services	728,000
6	Other Costs	92,800
7	Total	\$3,011,400.

8 **SECTION 9. OFFICIAL MASTER DATABASE OF LAWS--SELF-**
9 **PUBLICATION--FREE ACCESS TECHNOLOGY--HARD-COPY PUBLICATION.--**

10 There is appropriated from the legislative cash balances for
11 the legislative department's share of the continued
12 development required for the master database of official
13 annotated laws of the state, markup language and tagging and
14 its use for legislative document systems and a tagged
15 database of the session laws and for the costs associated in
16 collaborating with the New Mexico compilation commission on
17 the ongoing development and expanding partnership role with
18 the New Mexico compilation commission in the self-publication
19 of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978, including
20 technology for freely accessible laws and hard-copy
21 publication, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for
22 expenditure during fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

23 **SECTION 10. CATEGORY TRANSFER.--**Amounts set out in
24 Sections 3 through 8 of this act are provided for
25 informational purposes only and may be transferred among

1 categories.

2 **SECTION 11. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.**--Each legislative
3 agency shall adhere to the performance measures specified in
4 its strategic plan and shall make reports as required in that
5 plan.

6 **SECTION 12. EMERGENCY.**--It is necessary for the public
7 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
8 immediately. _____

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