

1 SENATE BILL 489

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE; PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY OF  
12 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONVENE GRAND  
13 JURY PANELS.

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

16 SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 31, Article 6 NMSA  
17 1978 is enacted to read:

18 "[NEW MATERIAL] AUTHORITY TO CONVENE GRAND JURY PANELS.--  
19 The district attorney and the attorney general may convene one  
20 or more grand jury panels at a time, without regard to court  
21 terms. A grand jury panel convened by the district attorney  
22 and attorney general shall be summoned, qualified and composed  
23 in the same manner as a grand jury panel convened by the  
24 district judge. If the district judge determines there are  
25 insufficient court facilities to accommodate the grand jury

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1 panel, the district attorney or the attorney general shall  
2 determine and provide for the place at which hearings and  
3 deliberations shall be conducted, make sufficient arrangements  
4 for interpreters, court reporters and security personnel and  
5 ensure compliance with the grand jury procedures established in  
6 Chapter 31, Article 6 NMSA 1978."