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HOUSE BILL 705

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SEVERANCE TAX BONDS FOR EXTENDED LEARNING PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. SEVERANCE TAX BONDS-- AUTHORIZATIONS-- APPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDS.--

A. The state board of finance may issue and sell severance tax bonds in compliance with the Severance Tax Bonding Act in an amount not to exceed the total of the amounts authorized for purposes specified in Sections 2 and 3 of this act. The state board of finance shall schedule the issuance and sale of the bonds in the most expeditious and economical manner possible upon a finding by the board that the project has been developed sufficiently to justify the issuance and that the

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1 project can proceed to contract within a reasonable time. The
2 state board of finance shall further take the appropriate steps
3 necessary to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
4 amended. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds are appropriated
5 for the purposes specified in Sections 2 and 3 of this act.

6 B. The agencies named in Sections 2 and 3 of this
7 act shall certify to the state board of finance when the money
8 from the proceeds of the severance tax bonds authorized in this
9 section is needed for the purposes specified in the applicable
10 section of this act.

11 C. If the specified agency has not certified the
12 need for the issuance of the bonds by the end of fiscal year
13 1998, the authorization provided in this act shall be void.

14 D. Unless otherwise specified in this act, any
15 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining from the proceeds
16 of severance tax bonds issued pursuant to Sections 2 and 3 of
17 this act at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the
18 severance tax bonding fund.

19 Section 2. SEVERANCE TAX BONDS--COMMISSION ON HIGHER
20 EDUCATION--PURPOSE.--Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1 of
21 this act, upon certification by the commission on higher
22 education that the need exists for the issuance of the bonds,
23 one million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated to the extended
24 learning fund for the purpose of developing and operating
25 extended learning programs throughout the state.

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