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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE FIRE PROTECTION FUND LAW; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Fire Protection Fund Law is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] INTERGOVERNMENTAL EFFORT IN CREATING FIRE
DISTRICTS. --

A. The county commission of any county in which land of an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo is located is authorized to enter into joint powers agreements with an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo within the county's boundaries to create fire districts within the boundaries of the Indian nation, tribe or pueblo. The county fire marshal shall negotiate the provisions

of the joint powers agreement with an Indian nation, tribe or pueblo, which shall establish the criteria that shall be met by a fire department in order to be considered an official fire department for the purpose of receiving distributions from the fire protection fund. The county fire marshal shall provide technical assistance to newly created fire districts to develop a reliable fire protection capacity."

Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the state fire marshal for expenditure in fiscal year 1997 for the purpose of developing six fire stations or substations in fire districts between United States highway 666 and state road 509 in McKinley county. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1997 shall not revert to the general fund.

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Mr. President:

FEBRUARY 1, 1996

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Your **COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE, PURSUANT TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS, and thence referred to the FINANCE COMM TTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATOR MANNY M ARAGON, Chairman

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