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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 47

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE  
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO STUDY PRO BONO SERVICES BY ATTORNEYS.

WHEREAS, access to legal services by a large segment of the  
population is constrained by the cost of legal services; and

WHEREAS, the supreme court, in Gideon v. Wainwright, held  
that every defendant has a right to legal representation; and

WHEREAS, this decision has placed a severe burden on  
taxpayers to guarantee adequate legal defense of indigent  
criminals; and

WHEREAS, other citizens who have been hurt cannot seek  
redress through the courts because of the high costs of legal  
services; and

WHEREAS, every citizen should be served and protected by  
the law; and

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1           WHEREAS, criminals have more access to legal representation  
2 than do most law-abiding citizens; and

3           WHEREAS, ordinary citizens should have reasonable access to  
4 the law;

5           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
7 requested to direct the appropriate committee to study the issue  
8 of pro bono services, the extent of mandatory pro bono service  
9 by other states and access to the law by ordinary citizens and  
10 make recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 1996; and

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
12 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council.

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5 February 8, 1996  
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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your RULES COMMI TTEE, to whom has been referred  
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14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
15 JUDI CI ARY COMMI TTEE.  
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The roll call vote was 4 For 1 Against

Yes: 4

No: Doni sthorpe

Excused: Al tami rano, Aragon, EJenni ngs, Romero

Absent: 0

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February 11, 1996

Mr. President:

Your JUDI CIARY COMMI TTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommen dation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 2, strike lines 1 through 4 in their entirety.
2. On page 2, line 9, strike "ordinary" and insert in lieu thereof "all".

Respectfully submit ted,

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Janice D. Paster, Chair man

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Cisneros, Sanchez, Scott, Vernon

Absent: None

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# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 14, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 47, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary K. King, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Charley, Hawkins, Marquardt, Sandel, Vigil

Absent: None

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