

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FORTY-THIRD
LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION, 1997 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 AND THE SENATE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE; DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. There is appropriated for the expense of the legislative department of the state of New Mexico for the forty-third legislature, first session, for per diem and mileage of the members, for salaries of employees and for other expenses of the legislature, the sum of five million eight hundred eighty-nine thousand two hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$5,889,257) or so much thereof as may be necessary for such purposes.

Section 2. The expenditures referred to in Section 1 of this act are as follows:

- A. per diem for senators ----- \$ 312,480;
- B. per diem for members of the house of
representatives ----- \$ 520,800;
- C. mileage traveled by members of the senate going

to and returning from the seat of government by the usually traveled route, one round trip ----- \$ 3,990;

D. mileage traveled by members of the house of representatives going to and returning from the seat of government by the usually traveled route, one round trip -----
----- \$ 6,056;

E. salaries and employee benefits of senate employees ----- \$1,530,251;

F. salaries and employee benefits of house of representatives employees ----- \$1,660,380;

G. for expense of the senate not itemized above, four hundred thirty-four thousand dollars (\$434,000). No part of this item may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits;

H. for expense of the house of representatives not itemized above, four hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$424,000). No part of this item may be transferred to salaries or employee benefits;

I. the expenditures for the house of representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the speaker and chief clerk of the house; the expenditures for the senate shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chairman of the committees' committee and the chief clerk of the senate; and

J. for session expenses of the legislative council HB 1

service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint legislative switchboard, nine hundred ninety-seven thousand three hundred dollars (\$997,300) to be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service. Following adjournment of the session, expenditures authorized under Subsections E through H of this section shall be disbursed upon vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service.

Section 3. Computers purchased by the legislature are to be placed in the custody of the legislative council service by the chief clerks of the respective houses as soon after the session as practicable. Computers used for two consecutive regular sessions and not needed for legislative use may be offered for resale to state agencies, public officials, public institutions and local public bodies at the original price paid by the legislature less ninety dollars (\$90.00), and the proceeds shall be deposited in the legislative information system fund. Any computers purchased by the legislature and held for a period of more than two consecutive regular sessions may be sold at a price found to be the fair market price by the New Mexico legislative council and the proceeds shall be deposited in the legislative information system fund.

Section 4. Under the printing contracts entered into for the forty-third legislature, first session, the chairman of the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the

approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of representatives are authorized and directed to provide for the printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or house, the printing of the weekly bill locator and the printing of all necessary stationery required for use in the respective houses. They are further directed to provide for the purchase of all supplies necessary for use in the respective houses within the appropriation provided. The orders for printing, stationery and supplies shall be approved by the chairman of the committees' committee in the senate or by the speaker for the house.

Section 5. For the first session of the forty-third legislature, bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials delivered to the printer shall be returned by the printer to the joint billroom within forty-two hours after they are ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel shall supply a complete file of bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials, joint memorials and other printed distribution materials to the following:

A. one copy to each member of the house of representatives and senate;

B. one copy to each county clerk, district judge, radio or television station and newspaper and to the general library of each state-supported institution of higher

learning;

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

D. one copy to two other addresses specified by each individual member of the legislature.

Section 6. Any person not enumerated in Section 5 of this act may secure a complete file of the bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials of the legislature by depositing with the legislative council service the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600), which deposit shall be paid to the state treasurer to the credit of the legislative expense fund. Additional single copies of items of legislation shall be sold for one dollar (\$1.00) unless the director of the legislative council service shall, because of its length, assign a higher price not to exceed ten cents (\$.10) per page. Copies of a daily bill locator, other than those copies furnished each member of the respective houses, shall be supplied by the legislative council service at a charge of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for the entire session.

Section 7. There is appropriated from the general fund

to the legislative council service for fiscal year 1998 unless otherwise indicated, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service, the following:

A. Personal Services	\$ 1,928,400
Employee Benefits	618,300
Travel	84,800
Maintenance & Repairs	48,500
Supplies & Materials	41,200
Contractual Services	202,900
Operating Costs	268,600
Other Operating Costs	189,000
Capital Outlay	77,500
Out-of-State Travel	70,500
Total	\$ 3,529,700;

~~B. for travel expenses of legislators other than New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative council business, for committee travel, staff and other necessary expenses for other interim committees and for other necessary legislative expenses for fiscal year 1998, the sum of nine hundred twenty-five thousand two hundred dollars (\$925,200); provided that the New Mexico legislative council may transfer amounts from the appropriation in this subsection, during the fiscal year for which appropriated, to any other legislative appropriation where they may be needed;~~

C. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary

contracts, supplies and personnel for interim session preparation, the sum of three hundred fifty-two thousand three hundred dollars (\$352,300); and

D. for a statewide legislative intern program, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

~~Section 8. The legislative council shall conduct a study on the feasibility of providing permanent staff support for the legislative leaders of the house and senate.~~

~~Section 9. There is appropriated from the cash balances of the legislative council service from Subsection J of Section 2 of Chapter 1 of Laws 1995 to the legislative council service one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for expenditure in fiscal years 1997 and 1998 for the legislative match for legislative retirement required pursuant to State of New Mexico, ex rel., Attorney General Tom Udall v. Public Employees Retirement Board, et al.~~

Section 10. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance committee for fiscal year 1998, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chairman of the committee or his designated representative, the following:

Personal Services	\$ 1,584,900
Employee Benefits	466,000
Travel	108,500
Maintenance & Repairs	11,000
Supplies & Materials	26,700

Contractual Services	156,400
Operating Costs	109,100
Capital Outlay	12,200
Out-of-State Travel	34,500
Total	\$ 2,509,300.

Section 11. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative education study committee for fiscal year 1998, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chairman of the committee or his designated representative, the following:

A. Personal Services	\$ 444,717
Employee Benefits	123,400
Travel	37,500
Maintenance & Repairs	15,000
Supplies & Materials	11,500
Contractual Services	11,500
Operating Costs	15,000
Capital Outlay	17,700
Out-of-State Travel	11,500
Total	\$ 687,817; and

~~B. for necessary personnel, contracts, supplies and travel expenses for strategic planning for public education, the sum of eighty-two thousand dollars (\$82,000) for fiscal years 1997 and 1998.~~

Section 12. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for the interim duties of

the senate rules committee the sum of twenty-one thousand six hundred dollars (\$21,600) for fiscal year 1998.

Section 13. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 1998 for the operation of the house chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service, the following:

Personal Services	\$ 190,400
Employee Benefits	60,900
Travel	1,900
Maintenance & Repairs	45
Supplies	1,000
Contractual Services	2,100
Operating Costs	3,924
Out-of-State Travel	16,500
Total	\$ 276,769.

Section 14. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 1998 for the operation of the senate chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service, the following:

Personal Services	\$ 192,481
Employee Benefits	59,302
Travel	2,100
Maintenance & Repairs	225

Supplies	1,000
Contractual Services	2,100
Operating Costs	3,775
Out-of-State Travel	11,472
Total	\$ 272,455.

Section 15. CATEGORY TRANSFER.--Amounts set out in Sections 7, ~~9~~, 10, 11, 13 and 14 of this act are provided for informational purposes only and may be freely transferred among categories.

Section 16. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.