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HOUSE BILL 125

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SEVERANCE TAX BONDS TO EXPAND AND UPGRADE SOLAR ELECTRICITY SYSTEMS IN THE NASCHITTI AREA IN SAN JUAN COUNTY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. SEVERANCE TAX BONDS--PURPOSE FOR WHICH ISSUED-- APPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDS.--The state board of finance may issue and sell severance tax bonds in compliance with the Severance Tax Bonding Act in an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) when the New Mexico office of Indian affairs certifies the need for the issuance of the bonds. 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

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1 sufficiently to justify the issuance and that the project can
2 proceed to contract within a reasonable time. The state board
3 of finance shall further take the appropriate steps necessary to
4 comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The
5 proceeds from the sale of the bonds are appropriated to the New
6 Mexico office of Indian affairs for the purpose of expanding and
7 upgrading solar electricity systems on remote homes of indigent
8 individuals near Naschitti located in San Juan county. Any
9 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
10 fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the severance tax bonding fund.
11 If the New Mexico office of Indian affairs has not certified the
12 need for the issuance of the bonds by the end of fiscal year
13 1999, the authorization provided in this section shall be void.

14 Section 2. EMERGENCY. --It is necessary for the public
15 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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