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HOUSE BILL 368

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

INTRODUCED BY  
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AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SEVERANCE TAX BONDS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY HOOKUPS FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS IN THE SOUTH VALLEY IN BERNALILLO 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 million dollars (\$1,000,000) when the department of environment 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 sufficiently to

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1 justify the issuance and that the project can proceed to  
2 contract within a reasonable time. The state board of finance  
3 shall further take the appropriate steps necessary to comply  
4 with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The  
5 proceeds from the sale of the bonds are appropriated to the  
6 department of environment for the purpose of providing  
7 assistance to low-income persons to hook up to water and  
8 wastewater utilities in the south valley located in Bernalillo  
9 county. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the  
10 end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the severance tax  
11 bonding fund. If the department of environment has not  
12 certified the need for the issuance of the bonds by the end of  
13 fiscal year 1999, the authorization provided in this section  
14 shall be void.

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