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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 7

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

DEDE FELDMAN

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE TO
UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM,
INCLUDING A REVIEW OF LAWS IN OTHER STATES, OPTIONS FOR
FINANCING OF ELECTIONS AND THE IMPACT OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ON
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

WHEREAS, the public is increasingly aware that large
donations from wealthy individuals and corporate and other
vested interests can unduly influence the political system;
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WHEREAS, the current system for financing public
elections in New Mexico favors wealthy candidates or those
with easy access to large donations; and

WHEREAS, money should not be equated with political
speech; and

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1 WHEREAS, it is imperative that we safeguard the rights of
2 workers and other citizen groups to participate effectively in
3 electoral politics; and

4 WHEREAS, comprehensive campaign finance reform measures
5 could enable any citizen to have a reasonable opportunity to
6 run effectively for public office; and

7 WHEREAS, real solutions to achieve these goals will
8 include public campaign financing, campaign contribution
9 limits, spending caps on campaigns, full disclosure and strict
10 enforcement of campaign rules;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interim legislative ethics
13 committee review campaign finance laws and regulations of
14 states other than New Mexico and consider testimony from
15 interested citizens and organizations; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim legislative
17 ethics committee study in depth effective options for public
18 financing of elections, contribution limits and spending caps
19 in New Mexico; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim legislative
21 ethics committee review the potential impact of both federal
22 and state constitutional law on proposed campaign finance
23 laws; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interim legislative
25 ethics committee report its findings, including any

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1 recommendations for legislation to be considered, by the first
2 session of the forty-fourth legislature, to the New Mexico
3 legislative council no later than November 1, 1998; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 sent to the New Mexico legislative council, the governor, the
6 secretary of state and the attorney general.

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6 January 29, 1998

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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18 1. On page 1, line 11, strike "INTERIM LEGISLATIVE ETHICS
19 COMMITTEE" and insert in lieu thereof "LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO
20 DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

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22 2. On page 2, line 2, Line 7, strike "will" and insert in
23 lieu thereof "may".

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25 3. On page 2, line 12, after "the" strike the remainder of
the line, and on line 13, strike "committee" and insert in lieu

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thereof "legislative council direct the appropriate interim
legislative committee to".

4. On page 2, line 16, after "the" insert "appropriate".
5. On page 2, line 17, strike "ethics".
6. On page 2, line 20, after "the" insert "appropriate".
7. On page 2, line 21, strike "ethics".
8. On page 2, line 24, after "the" insert "appropriate".
9. On page 2, line 25, strike "ethics".

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Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Howes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 4 For 1 Against

Yes: 4

No: Adair

Excused: Altamirano, Aragon, Gorham

Absent: None

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, to whom has
11 been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
17 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

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The roll call vote was 6 For 2 Against

Yes: 6

No: Nicely, Weeks

Excused: Bird, Buffett, Lutz, Sanchez

Absent: None

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9 The roll call vote was 6 For 2 Against

10 Yes: 6

11 No: Nicely, Weeks

12 Excused: Bird, Buffett, Lutz, Sanchez

13 Absent: None

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1 **FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**
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7 **Mr. Speaker:**

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9 **Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**
10 **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 7, as amended**
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12 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**
13 **recommendation that it DO PASS.**

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15 **Respectfully submitted,**

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20 **Thomas P. Foy, Chairman**

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9 The roll call vote was 6 For 1 Against

10 Yes: 6

11 No: Carpenter

12 Excused: Alwin, Garcia, King, Luna, Rios, Sanchez

13 Absent: None

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