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HOUSE BILL 1

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION, 2015, 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. SESSION EXPENSES.--**

A. There is appropriated from the general fund for the expense of the legislative department of the state of New Mexico for the first session of the fifty-second legislature for per diem and mileage of its members, for salaries of employees and for other expenses of the legislature, nine

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1 million three hundred fifty-two thousand seven hundred dollars  
2 (\$9,352,700) or so much thereof as may be necessary for such  
3 purposes.

4 B. The expenditures referred to in Subsection A of  
5 this section are as follows:

6 (1) per diem for senators . . . . \$415,800;

7 (2) per diem for members of the house of  
8 representatives . . . . . \$693,000;

9 (3) mileage traveled by members of the senate  
10 going to and returning from the seat of government by the  
11 usually traveled route, one round trip . . . . . \$6,800;

12 (4) mileage traveled by members of the house  
13 of representatives going to and returning from the seat of  
14 government by the usually traveled route, one round trip  
15 . . . . . \$10,450;

16 (5) salaries and employee benefits of senate  
17 employees . . . . . \$2,913,300;

18 (6) salaries and employee benefits of house of  
19 representatives employees . . . . . \$2,967,750;

20 (7) for expense of the senate not itemized  
21 above, six hundred forty-five thousand seven hundred dollars  
22 (\$645,700). No part of this item may be transferred to  
23 salaries or employee benefits;

24 (8) for expense of the house of  
25 representatives not itemized above, six hundred six thousand

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1 three hundred dollars (\$606,300). No part of this item may be  
2 transferred to salaries or employee benefits; and

3 (9) for session expenses of the legislative  
4 council service, the joint billroom and mailroom and joint  
5 legislative switchboard, one million ninety-three thousand six  
6 hundred dollars (\$1,093,600) to be disbursed upon vouchers  
7 signed by the director of the legislative council service or  
8 the director's designee.

9 C. The expenditures for the senate shall be  
10 disbursed on vouchers signed by the chair of the committees'  
11 committee and the chief clerk of the senate or the chief  
12 clerk's designee. The expenditures for the house of  
13 representatives shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the  
14 speaker and chief clerk of the house or the chief clerk's  
15 designee. Following adjournment of the session, expenditures  
16 authorized pursuant to Paragraphs (1) through (8) of Subsection  
17 B of this section shall be disbursed upon vouchers signed by  
18 the director of the legislative council service or the  
19 director's designee.

20 D. Under the printing contracts entered into for  
21 the first session of the fifty-second legislature, the chair of  
22 the committees' committee of the senate, subject to the  
23 approval of the committee, and the speaker of the house of  
24 representatives are authorized and directed to provide for the  
25 printing of all bills, resolutions, joint resolutions,

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1 memorials and joint memorials introduced in the senate or  
2 house, the printing of the weekly bill locator and the printing  
3 of all necessary stationery required for use in the respective  
4 houses. They are further directed to provide for the purchase  
5 of all supplies necessary for use in the respective houses  
6 within the appropriation provided. The orders for printing,  
7 stationery and supplies shall be approved by the chair of the  
8 committees' committee for the senate and by the speaker for the  
9 house.

10 SECTION 2. BILLS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS.--

11 A. For the first session of the fifty-second  
12 legislature, bills, resolutions, joint resolutions, memorials  
13 and joint memorials delivered to the printer shall be returned  
14 by the printer to the joint billroom within forty-two hours  
15 after they are ordered to be printed. The billroom personnel  
16 shall supply a complete file of bills, resolutions, joint  
17 resolutions, memorials, joint memorials and other printed  
18 distribution materials to the following:

19 (1) one copy to each member of the house of  
20 representatives and senate;

21 (2) upon written request, one copy to each  
22 county clerk, district judge, radio or television station and  
23 newspaper and to the general library of each state-supported  
24 institution of higher learning; and

25 (3) upon written request, one copy to each

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1 state department, commission, board, institution or agency,  
2 each elected state official, each incorporated municipality,  
3 each district attorney, each ex-governor, each member of the  
4 New Mexico congressional delegation and each public school  
5 district in the state.

6 B. Any person not listed in Subsection A of this  
7 section may secure a complete file of the bills, resolutions,  
8 joint resolutions, memorials and joint memorials of the  
9 legislature by depositing with the legislative council service  
10 the amount of seven hundred twenty-five dollars (\$725), which  
11 deposit shall be paid to the state treasurer to the credit of  
12 the legislative expense fund. Additional single copies of  
13 items of legislation shall be sold for two dollars (\$2.00)  
14 unless the director of the legislative council service shall,  
15 because of its length, assign a higher price not to exceed ten  
16 cents (\$.10) per page. Copies of a daily bill locator, other  
17 than those copies furnished to each member of the respective  
18 houses, shall be supplied by the legislative council service at  
19 a charge of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the entire  
20 session.

21 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.--There is  
22 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council  
23 service for fiscal year 2016 unless otherwise indicated, to be  
24 disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative  
25 council service or the director's designee, the following:

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1	A. Personal Services &	
2	Employee Benefits	\$ 4,673,700
3	Contractual Services	235,000
4	Other Costs	1,169,500
5	Total	\$ 6,078,200;

6 B. for travel expenses of legislators other than  
7 New Mexico legislative council members, on legislative council  
8 business, for committee travel, studies, staff and other  
9 necessary expenses for other interim committees and for other  
10 necessary legislative expenses for fiscal year 2016, eight  
11 hundred sixty-one thousand two hundred dollars (\$861,200);  
12 provided that the New Mexico legislative council may transfer  
13 amounts from the appropriation in this subsection, during the  
14 fiscal year for which appropriated, to any other legislative  
15 appropriation where they may be needed;

16 C. for pre-session expenditures and for necessary  
17 contracts, furniture, equipment, supplies and personnel for  
18 interim session preparation, four hundred twenty-six thousand  
19 six hundred dollars (\$426,600); and

20 D. for a statewide legislative intern program,  
21 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

22 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE.--There is  
23 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative finance  
24 committee for fiscal year 2016, to be disbursed on vouchers  
25 signed by the chair of the committee or the chair's designated

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1 representative, the following:

2	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 3,778,300
3	Contractual Services	259,600
4	Other Costs	312,400
5	Total	\$ 4,350,300.

6 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE.--There  
7 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative  
8 education study committee for fiscal year 2016, to be disbursed  
9 on vouchers signed by the chair of the committee or the chair's  
10 designated representative, the following:

11	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 1,188,063
12	Contractual Services	16,500
13	Other Costs	104,300
14	Total	\$ 1,308,863.

15 SECTION 6. SENATE RULES COMMITTEE.--There is appropriated  
16 from the general fund to the legislative council service for  
17 the interim duties of the senate rules committee, twenty  
18 thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500) for fiscal year 2016.

19 SECTION 7. HOUSE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated from  
20 the general fund to the legislative council service for  
21 expenditure in fiscal year 2016 for the operation of the house  
22 chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the  
23 director of the legislative council service, the following:

24	Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 978,300
25	Contractual Services	128,000

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1 Other Costs 72,500  
2 Total \$ 1,178,800.

3 SECTION 8. SENATE CHIEF CLERK.--There is appropriated  
4 from the general fund to the legislative council service for  
5 expenditure in fiscal year 2016 for the operation of the senate  
6 chief clerk's office, to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the  
7 director of the legislative council service, the following:

8 Personal Services & Employee Benefits \$ 998,800  
9 Contractual Services 154,800  
10 Other Costs 60,300  
11 Total \$ 1,213,900.

12 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM.--There is  
13 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council  
14 service for expenditure in fiscal years 2015 and 2016 for the  
15 legislative information system, seven hundred thirty-one  
16 thousand nine hundred dollars (\$731,900).

17 SECTION 10. EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE DATABASE--  
18 SELF-PUBLICATION.--There is appropriated from the legislative  
19 cash balances to the legislative council service for the  
20 legislative share of the continued development required for the  
21 extensible markup language database, extensible markup language  
22 tagging and its use for legislative document systems and an  
23 integrated tagged database of the session laws and for the  
24 costs associated in collaborating with the New Mexico  
25 compilation commission on the ongoing development and expanding

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1 partnership role in the self-publication of the New Mexico  
2 statutes annotated, 1978, four hundred thousand dollars  
3 (\$400,000) for expenditure during fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

4 SECTION 11. CATEGORY TRANSFER.--Amounts set out in  
5 Sections 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 of this act are provided for  
6 informational purposes only and may be freely transferred among  
7 categories.

8 SECTION 12. PERFORMANCE MEASURES.--Each legislative  
9 agency shall adhere to the performance measures specified in  
10 its strategic plan and shall make reports as required in that  
11 plan.

12 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
13 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.