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HOUSE BILL 42

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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FOR THE LAND GRANT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND GRANTS; ALLOWING LAND GRANT-MERCED BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORTS TO BE FILED WITH THE NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY LAND GRANT REGISTRY.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 49-1-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1907, Chapter 42, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

"49-1-12. MEETINGS TO BE PUBLIC--ANNUAL REPORT.--

A. All meetings of the board of trustees shall be held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Executive sessions shall not be held except in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. All heirs of the land grant-merced shall have the right to be present at all times when the board is in session and to be heard on all matters in which they may be interested.

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B. The board of trustees shall annually make public a report of all its transactions for that year. The report shall include agendas, minutes, actions taken and all financial transactions. The report shall be maintained in a public place and available for public review; for the purposes of this subsection, filing the report with the land grant council to be kept with the New Mexico community land grant registry shall be considered filing the report in a public place.

C. The secretary of the board shall reduce to writing, in a book kept for that purpose, minutes of the business transacted at each meeting of the board."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2014.