1	SENATE BILL 672
2	52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO; CREATING AN
12	INDEPENDENT CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMISSION PURSUANT TO
13	ARTICLE 19, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO; MAKING
14	AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
17	SECTION 1. [ <u>NEW MATERIAL</u> ] CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
18	COMMISSIONCREATIONCOMPOSITIONThe "constitutional
19	revision commission" is created as an independent commission
20	pursuant to Article 19, Section 1 of the constitution of New
21	Mexico. The commission shall be composed of fifteen voting
22	members and two advisory, nonvoting members. Members shall be
23	appointed pursuant to the following provisions:
24	A. three public members shall be appointed by the
25	speaker of the house of representatives, of whom no more than

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1 two shall belong to the same political party;

B. three public members shall be appointed by the
president pro tempore of the senate, of whom no more than two
shall belong to the same political party;

5 C. three public members shall be appointed by the
6 governor, of whom no more than two shall belong to the same
7 political party;

8 D. six public members shall be appointed by the New
9 Mexico legislative council;

E. the appointments shall be coordinated to ensure
that the different geographical areas of the state are
represented and that the members reflect the cultural,
economic, professional and ethnic diversity of New Mexico;

F. no more than eight members shall belong to the same political party;

G. the chief justice of the New Mexico supreme court or the chief justice's designee and the attorney general or the attorney general's designee shall serve in an advisory, nonvoting capacity; and

H. members considered for appointment to the commission shall not have changed party affiliation for at least one year prior to being appointed to the commission.

SECTION 2. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] OFFICERS--VACANCIES.--The constitutional revision commission shall elect a chair and other necessary officers from among its members. Vacancies on .200317.1

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the commission shall be filled by appointment by the respective appointing authority that made the original appointment, and those appointments shall be subject to the same criteria applicable to the initial appointments.

SECTION 3. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] POWERS AND DUTIES.--The constitutional revision commission shall examine the constitution of New Mexico and the constitutions of other states to recommend changes in the constitution of New Mexico as it deems desirable and necessary. Upon majority approval of the fifteen voting members, legislation shall be drafted and submitted to the legislature for its review in accordance with the provisions of Article 19, Section 1 of the constitution of New Mexico.

SECTION 4. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.--The constitutional revision commission shall make a full report of its findings and recommendations. The report and any recommended constitutional revisions shall be made to the governor and to each member of the fifty-second legislature not later than thirty days prior to the convening of its second regular session.

SECTION 5. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] STAFFING.--The staff and research work shall be done under the supervision of the chair of the constitutional revision commission by employees approved by the commission, assisted, upon request, by the legislative council service.

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SECTION 6. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] SUBCOMMITTEES.--In the performance of its duties, the constitutional revision commission may divide into subcommittees, but the findings and recommendations of the commission shall be adopted and reported only upon a majority vote of the commission.

SECTION 7. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] PER DIEM AND MILEAGE.--Members of the constitutional revision commission shall receive per diem and mileage as provided for in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is appropriated from New Mexico legislative council cash balances to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal years 2015 and 2016 to carry out the provisions of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016 shall revert to the general fund.

SECTION 9. DELAYED REPEAL.--The provisions of this act are repealed effective April 1, 2016.

SECTION 10. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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