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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; ALLOWING A MEMBER OF THE
NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO SERVE AS A VOTING MEMBER ON
AN INTERIM COMMITTEE APPOINTED OR CREATED BY THE NEW MEXICO
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-3-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1951,
Chapter 182, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"2-3-3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL--POWERS--DUTIES.--It is the
duty of the New Mexico legislative council to:

A. adopt rules and regulations for the
administration of Chapter 2, Article 3 NMSA 1978 in the
conduct of the affairs of the legislative council service;

B. formulate policies for the operation and
conduct of the business of the legislative council service
and generally to supervise all of the activities of the
council service;

C. carry out the purposes of the legislative
council service as hereafter set forth;

D. create committees of legislators to study major
problems during the periods when the legislature is not in
session; provided that:

(1) no member of the council shall serve as
an officer on an interim committee appointed or created by

1 the council;

2 (2) all committees created by the council
3 shall terminate on or before December 1 of the year in which
4 they are created unless the council subsequently extends the
5 life of the committee for not more than one month;

6 (3) the minority party shall be represented
7 on all council-created committees in the proportion the
8 minority party is represented in each house;

9 (4) the relationship of the size of the
10 house and senate shall be taken into consideration in
11 determining the number of members from each house appointed
12 to an interim committee created by the council; and

13 (5) members shall be appointed to
14 council-created committees by the same appointing authorities
15 that appoint the council members from each house and subject
16 to the same recommendations. The council shall name
17 committee officers from among the committee members so
18 appointed;

19 E. adopt rules of procedure for all committees
20 created by the council, including a rule that no action shall
21 be taken by a committee if a majority of the total membership
22 from either house on the committee rejects such action;
23 provided that no member of the legislature shall ever be
24 excluded from any meeting of any committee appointed by the
25 council; and

