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HOUSE BILL 132

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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FOR THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS LITIGATION; CREATING THE WATER RIGHTS  
LITIGATION FUND; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND;  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. WATER RIGHTS LITIGATION FUND--CREATED--  
DISTRIBUTIONS.--The "water rights litigation fund" is created  
in the state treasury. The fund shall be administered by the  
administrative office of the courts and money in the fund is  
appropriated to the administrative office of the courts to pay  
the costs of judges pro tempore, special masters, law clerks  
and judicial specialists and to pay capital outlay, travel and  
other expenses incurred by the district courts in water rights  
adjudication cases. Expenditures from the fund shall be made  
on warrants of the secretary of finance and administration upon

1 vouchers signed by the director of the administrative office of  
2 the courts or his authorized representative. Money in the fund  
3 shall not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal  
4 year.

5 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Five hundred sixty-five  
6 thousand dollars (\$565,000) is appropriated from the general  
7 fund to the water rights litigation fund for expenditure in  
8 fiscal year 2004 and succeeding fiscal years to carry out the  
9 purpose of the fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
10 remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the  
11 general fund.

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