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HOUSE BILL 59

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO CULTURAL AFFAIRS; CREATING THE NEW MEXICO COIN
COMMISSION TO ASSIST THE GOVERNOR IN SELECTING THE DESIGNS TO
BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES MINT FOR THE NEW MEXICO STATE
QUARTER FOR THE FIFTY STATES' COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM;
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

**Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--NEW MEXICO COIN
COMMISSION CREATED--MEMBERSHIP--POWERS AND DUTIES--CULTURAL
AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO STAFF.--**

**A. The "New Mexico coin commission" is created to
assist the governor in selecting the designs to be submitted to
the United States mint for the New Mexico state quarter for the
fifty states' commemorative coin program. The commission shall
consist of seven members appointed by the governor. When**

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1 making the appointments, the governor shall take into account
2 the geographic distribution of the members. Members serve at
3 the pleasure of the governor. The commission shall function
4 until the United States mint has selected the design for the
5 New Mexico quarter, but no later than July 1, 2008. Members
6 are entitled to per diem and mileage as provided in the Per
7 Diem and Mileage Act, and shall receive no other compensation,
8 perquisite or allowance.

9 B. The cultural affairs department shall provide
10 staff support to the commission.

11 C. The commission shall solicit and consider design
12 proposals for the New Mexico quarter. Members of the
13 commission and their family members may not submit design
14 proposals.

15 D. The commission shall select no fewer than three
16 and no more than five designs and submit them to the governor
17 for approval. The governor shall submit the approved designs
18 to the United States mint, along with material explaining the
19 designs and why they are representative of the state.

20 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Sixty thousand dollars
21 (\$60,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the cultural
22 affairs department for expenditure in fiscal years 2006 through
23 2008 to pay costs associated with the New Mexico coin
24 commission. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
25 at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general

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1 fund.

2 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
3 provisions of this act is July 1, 2005.

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