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AN ACT
RELATI NG TO LEG SLATI VE COMM TTEES; EQUALI ZI NG THE NUMBER OF SENATORS AND REPRESENTATI VES ON THE LEG SLATI VE EDUCATI ON STUDY COMM TTEE; DECLARI NG AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEG SLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXI CO:
Section 1. Section 2-10-1 NMSA 1978 (bei ng Laws 1971, Chapter 287, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:
" 2-10-1. CREATI ON OF COMM TTEE- - MEMBERS- - NUMBER- APPOI NTMENT- - TERM OF OFFI CE. - -
A. A permanent joint interim committee of the I egi slat ure to be called the "I egi slative education study committee" is created. The committee shall be composed of [ten] twel ve members, [four] six fromthe senate and six from the house. The house education committee and the senate education committee shall be represented. The committee . 156387. 1
members shall be appoi nted for two-year terms [ wich] that shall expire on the first day of each odd-year session. The termof any menber shall terminate when such member ceases to be a nember of the legi slature. Menbers shal l be appointed by the committees' committee of the senate or, if the appointment is made in the interim by the president protempore, after consultation with and agreement of a majority of the mentors of the committees' committee, and the speaker of the house of represent atives; provi ded, however, minority members shall be appoi nted by the speaker onl y from recommendations made by the minority floor leader, al though the speaker shall retain the right to reject any such recommendations. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled for the unexpired termby the respective appointing authority [ then makes the original appoi nt ments and subject to the same recommendations, provided that members shall be appoi nted fromthe respective houses, parties and committees so as to mai nt ai $n$ the same number of house and senate members and the same representation of standing committees as provi ded in the origi nal appoi nt ments. Each of the two parties having the largest number of members in the legi sl at ure shall be represented on the committee in proportion to the membership of each such party in each house; provi ded that in the computation, maj or fractions shall be counted as whol e numbers, and in no event shall either of the t wo naj or parties have less than one menber fromeach house.

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B. The officers shall be appointed for terns coterminous with thei $r$ membershi $p$ on the committee. Each office shall be alternated between the respective houses each two years. For the terns begi nni ng in 1979, the [ fhairman] chai $r$ shall be a house menber and the vice [chairman chair, if any, shall be a senate member. The appointing authority of each house shall exercise its appointing authority by naming the [ chairman] chai $r$ or vi ce [chairman] chair respectivel $y$ on this alternating basis.
C. No action shall be taken by the committee if a maj ority of the total membershi p fromeither house on the committee rejects such action."

Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, heal $t h$ and safety that $t$ his act take effect imedi at el $y$.

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