

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN
3 INTERIM COMMITTEE OR ASSIGN AN APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE
4 TO REVIEW OPTIONS FOR AMENDING THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS
5 RETIREMENT ACT.

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7 WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters provide vital services
8 in a number of localities across the state; and

9 WHEREAS, as volunteers, these people, unlike career
10 firefighters, do not qualify for retirement programs through
11 their local governments; and

12 WHEREAS, the volunteer firefighter retirement program
13 can assist local fire departments in the recruiting and
14 retention of personnel; and

15 WHEREAS, the administration of the program has become
16 problematic in determining service credit, reporting service
17 credit, calculating benefits and removing inactive members
18 from the retirement database;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council
21 be requested to appoint an interim committee or assign an
22 appropriate interim committee to study the provisions of the
23 Volunteer Firefighters Retirement Act and consider necessary
24 amendments to the act; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public employees

1 retirement association, the state fire marshal's office, the
2 fire service council, the New Mexico municipal league and the
3 New Mexico association of counties be consulted during the
4 interim study; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the legislative council service for
7 distribution to the New Mexico legislative council. _____

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