

1 SENATE BILL 136

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO GOVERNMENTAL CONDUCT; PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUBLIC
12 RESOURCES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

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

15 SECTION 1. Section 10-16-3.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,
16 Chapter 362, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "10-16-3.1. PROHIBITED POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.--A public
18 officer or employee is prohibited from:

19 A. directly or indirectly coercing or attempting to
20 coerce another public officer or employee to pay, lend or
21 contribute anything of value to a party, committee,
22 organization, agency or person for a political purpose;

23 B. threatening to deny a promotion or pay increase
24 to an employee who does or does not vote for certain
25 candidates, requiring an employee to contribute a percentage of

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1 the employee's pay to a political fund, influencing a
2 subordinate employee to purchase a ticket to a political
3 fundraising dinner or similar event or advising an employee to
4 take part in political activity or similar activities; ~~[or]~~

5 C. violating the officer's or employee's duty not
6 to use property belonging to a state agency or local government
7 agency, or allow its use, for other than authorized purposes;
8 or

9 D. using public resources to support or oppose a
10 candidate, political campaign or other political organization."

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