

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 631

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

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE; REPEALING
AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 73, ARTICLE 14 NMSA 1978 TO
PROVIDE FOR CONSERVANCY COURT CONTROL OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER;
PROVIDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT BOARD OF THE MIDDLE
RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF
BOARD MEMBERS BY DISTRICTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 73, Article 14 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] ELECTION OF CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD--DISTRICTS--CONSERVANCY COURT--RECEIVER.--

A. The conservancy court for the middle Rio Grande
conservancy district shall assume control of the conservancy

1 district not later than ten calendar days after the effective
2 date of this section.

3 B. The conservancy court shall appoint a receiver
4 to manage operations of the middle Rio Grande conservancy
5 district.

6 C. The conservancy court shall order the receiver
7 to craft boundaries for the election of middle Rio Grande
8 conservancy district directors.

9 D. After the effective date of this 2013 act, the
10 next scheduled middle Rio Grande conservancy district election
11 is suspended.

12 E. Middle Rio Grande conservancy district elections
13 shall take place with regular elections held each even-numbered
14 year in November, and candidates' names shall appear on the
15 ballot.

16 F. Members of the middle Rio Grande conservancy
17 district shall be elected for staggered four-year terms;
18 provided that board members elected at the next regularly
19 scheduled general election following the effective date of this
20 2013 act shall classify themselves by lot so that three board
21 members shall initially serve terms of two years and four board
22 members shall serve terms of four years. Thereafter, all board
23 members shall serve four-year terms. After serving two terms,
24 a board member shall be ineligible to hold office as a board
25 member until one full term has intervened."

1 **SECTION 2. REPEAL.**--Sections 73-14-19 and 73-14-22 NMSA
2 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 262, Sections 2 and 5, as
3 amended) are repealed.

4 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.**--It is necessary for the public
5 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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