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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND GRANTS; GRANTING POLITICAL SUBDIVISION  
STATUS TO THE SAN ANTONIO DEL RIO COLORADO LAND GRANT-MERCED.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1907,  
Chapter 42, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"49-1-2. APPLICATION.--

A. Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA 1978 shall  
apply to all land grants-mercedes confirmed by the congress  
of the United States or by the court of private land claims  
or designated as land grants-mercedes in any report or list  
of land grants prepared by the surveyor general and confirmed  
by congress, but shall not apply to any land grant that is  
now managed or controlled in any manner, other than as  
provided in Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA 1978, by  
virtue of any general or special act.

B. If a majority of the members of the board of  
trustees of a land grant-merced covered by specific  
legislation determines that the specific legislation is no  
longer beneficial to the land grant-merced, the board has the  
authority to petition the legislature to repeal the  
legislation and to be governed by its bylaws and as provided  
in Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA 1978.

C. The town of Tome land grant-merced, situated in SB 5

1 Valencia county, confirmed by congress in 1858 and patented  
2 by the United States to the town of Tome, shall be governed  
3 by the provisions of Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18  
4 NMSA 1978.

5 D. The town of Atrisco land grant-merced, situated  
6 in Bernalillo county, confirmed by the court of private land  
7 claims in 1894 and patented by the United States to the town  
8 of Atrisco in 1905, shall be governed by the provisions of  
9 Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA 1978; provided that the  
10 board of trustees shall not have regulatory jurisdiction  
11 over, and the provisions of Chapter 49, Article 1 NMSA 1978  
12 shall not apply to or govern, any lands or interests in real  
13 property the title to which is held by any other person,  
14 including a public or private corporation, partnership or  
15 limited liability company.

16 E. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A  
17 to the contrary, the San Antonio del Rio Colorado land  
18 grant-merced, situated in Taos county, which claim was  
19 recommended for confirmation by surveyor general James K.  
20 Proudfit in 1874 and again in 1886 by surveyor general George  
21 W. Julian, but not confirmed by congress, shall be governed  
22 by the provisions of Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18  
23 NMSA 1978."

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