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AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES; AMENDING A SECTION OF CHAPTER 4,
ARTICLE 36 NMSA 1978 TO PROVIDE FOR COUNTY AUTHORITY TO
CONTRACT WITH INDIVIDUALS FOR FIREFIGHTING SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4-36-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,
Chapter 115, Section 1) is amended to read:

"4-36-5. FIREFIGHTING--COUNTY MAY PURCHASE FROM
MUNICIPALITIES.--

A. Counties may contract with municipalities or
individuals for purchase of firefighting services for the
county or certain areas in a county where such services are
needed when, in the opinion of the board of county
commissioners, such services may be more economically
provided by such contracts than maintaining firefighting
services by the county.

B. The contract price shall be based upon the cost
of the services, the depreciation of the equipment and the
cost of insurance necessary or desirable to protect the
municipality from loss or claim during the time it is engaged
in extraterritorial firefighting under a contract with the
county. Subject to the agreement between the municipality and
the county, the contract may provide for annual, monthly or
actual-use payments."