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SENATE BILL 26

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE TO ARCHIVE THE WEBCASTS AND RECORDINGS OF LEGISLATIVE FLOOR SESSIONS AND MEETINGS; REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE TO MAKE THE ARCHIVES AVAILABLE ON THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE WEBSITE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-3-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1951, Chapter 182, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"2-3-8. PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE.--The purpose and duties of the legislative council service ~~[shall be]~~ are:

~~[a.]~~ A. to assist the New Mexico legislature ~~[of the State of New Mexico]~~ in the proper performance of its constitutional functions by providing its members with

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1 impartial and accurate information and reports concerning the
2 legislative problems [~~which~~] that come before them; by
3 providing digests showing the practices of other states and
4 foreign nations in dealing with similar problems;

5 [~~b.~~] B. when so requested, to secure information
6 for and to report to the [~~legislators of this state~~] members of
7 the legislature on the social and economic effects of statutes
8 of this state or elsewhere by cooperating with the legislative
9 service agencies in other states and other reference agencies
10 and libraries;

11 [~~c.~~] C. to furnish to the members of the
12 legislature [~~of this state~~] the assistance of expert
13 [~~draftsmen~~] drafters qualified to aid the legislators in the
14 preparation of bills for introduction into the legislature;

15 [~~d.~~] D. to recommend to the legislature measures
16 [~~which~~] that will improve the form and working of the statutes
17 of this state and clarify and reconcile their provisions;

18 [~~e.~~] E. to provide for the legislature adequate
19 staff facilities and to provide the adequate expert assistance
20 without which no legislature can properly perform its required
21 functions;

22 [~~f.~~] F. to prepare and index for printing as
23 promptly as possible after the adjournment of each session a
24 compilation of the session laws [~~therefor, which compilation~~
25 ~~shall include~~] that includes all resolutions and acts [~~which~~]

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1 that the legislature [~~has~~] adopted or passed during the session
2 and [~~have~~] that received the [~~approval of the governor when~~
3 ~~such~~] governor's approval [~~is~~] when necessary for enactment;
4 and

5 G. to archive for five years audio and visual
6 recordings of the entirety of all legislative floor sessions
7 and meetings that are webcast or recorded by the legislature
8 and, as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the
9 session or meeting, to make publicly available and easily
10 accessible on the New Mexico legislature website the archived
11 recordings, formatted for easy access."

12 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
13 provisions of this act is January 1, 2018.