

1 SENATE BILL 606

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO THE STATE ENGINEER; AMENDING THE QUALIFICATIONS TO  
12 BE STATE ENGINEER.

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

15 SECTION 1. Section 72-2-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1907,  
16 Chapter 49, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "72-2-1. APPOINTMENT--REMOVAL--QUALIFICATIONS--DUTIES--  
18 OFFICE--PRIVATE PRACTICE PROHIBITED.--There shall be a "state  
19 engineer" who shall be a technically qualified and registered  
20 professional engineer under the Engineering and [~~Land~~]  
21 Surveying Practice Act or have the theoretical knowledge,  
22 practical experience and skill necessary for the position and  
23 shall be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.  
24 [~~He~~] The state engineer shall hold office for the term of two  
25 years or until [~~his~~] a successor has been appointed and has

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1 qualified. [He] The state engineer is subject to removal only  
2 for cause. [He] The state engineer has general supervision of  
3 waters of the state and of the measurement, appropriation,  
4 distribution thereof and such other duties as required. The  
5 salary of the state engineer shall be set by the governor, and  
6 [he] the state engineer shall receive necessary traveling  
7 expenses while away from [~~his~~] the office of the state engineer  
8 in the discharge of official duties pursuant to the provisions  
9 of the Per Diem and Mileage Act. The "office of the state  
10 engineer" shall be located at the seat of government. [He] The  
11 state engineer shall not engage in any private practice."

12 SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY.--The provisions of this act  
13 apply to a state engineer appointed on or after January 1,  
14 2019.