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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND GRANTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 49, ARTICLE 1 NMSA 1978 TO INCLUDE THE LA MERCED DEL MANZANO LAND GRANT-MERCED; AMENDING AND REPEALING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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 by Laws 2013, Chapter 8, Section 1 and by Laws 2013, Chapter 83, Section 1) 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

1 legislation and to be governed by its bylaws and as provided
2 in Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA 1978.

3 C. The town of Tome land grant-merced, situated in
4 Valencia county, confirmed by congress in 1858 and patented
5 by the United States to the town of Tome, shall be governed
6 by the provisions of Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA
7 1978.

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

19 E. The Tecolote land grant-merced, also known as
20 the town of Tecolote, situated in San Miguel county,
21 confirmed by congress in 1858 and patented by the United
22 States to the town of Tecolote in 1902, shall be governed by
23 the provisions of Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA 1978.

24 F. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A
25 to the contrary, the San Antonio del Rio Colorado land

1 grant-merced, situated in Taos county, which claim was
2 recommended for confirmation by surveyor general James K.
3 Proudfit in 1874 and again in 1886 by surveyor general George
4 W. Julian, but not confirmed by congress, shall be governed
5 by the provisions of Sections 49-1-1 through 49-1-18 NMSA
6 1978.

7 G. The Manzano land grant-merced, also known as la
8 merced del Manzano land grant-merced, situated in Torrance
9 county, confirmed by congress in 1860 and patented by the
10 United States to the town of Manzano in 1907, shall be
11 governed by the provisions of Chapter 49, Article 1 NMSA
12 1978."

13 SECTION 2. REPEAL.--Sections 49-7-1 through 49-7-6 NMSA
14 1978 (being Laws 1907, Chapter 39, Sections 1, 2, 4 and 5,
15 Laws 1987, Chapter 163, Sections 1 and 2, Laws 1993, Chapter
16 290, Section 1 and Laws 1907, Chapter 39, Section 7) are
17 repealed.
