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HOUSE BILL 83

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER; AMENDING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR
THE POSITION OF STATE ENGINEER TO INCLUDE GEOHYDROLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS, GEOLOGISTS AND ATTORNEYS.

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

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

"72-2-1. APPOINTMENT--REMOVAL--QUALIFICATIONS--DUTIES--
OFFICE--PRIVATE PRACTICE PROHIBITED.--There shall be a "state
engineer" who shall be a technically qualified and registered
professional engineer under the Engineering and [~~Land~~]
Surveying Practice Act or a qualified and appropriately
credentialed geohydrologist, hydrologist, geologist or attorney
and shall be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the
senate. [~~He~~] The state engineer shall hold office for the term
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1 of two years or until [~~his~~] a successor has been appointed and
2 has qualified. [~~He~~] The state engineer is subject to removal
3 only for cause. [~~He~~] The state engineer has general
4 supervision of waters of the state and of the measurement,
5 appropriation, distribution thereof and such other duties as
6 required. The salary of the state engineer shall be set by the
7 governor, and [~~he~~] the state engineer shall receive necessary
8 traveling expenses while away from [~~his~~] the office of the
9 state engineer in the discharge of official duties pursuant to
10 the provisions of the Per Diem and Mileage Act. The "office of
11 the state engineer" shall be located at the seat of government.
12 [~~He~~] The state engineer shall not engage in any private
13 practice."

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