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SENATE BILL 222

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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AN ACT

RELATING TO RECORDS; REQUIRING THAT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS AND WATER DATA REMAIN WITHIN THE WATER DISTRICT WHERE THE DOCUMENTS WERE FILED.

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

SECTION 1. Section 72-4B-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019, Chapter 147, Section 1) is amended to read:

"72-4B-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[This act]~~ Chapter 72, Article 4B NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Water Data Act"."

SECTION 2. A new section of the Water Data Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] RETENTION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.--Original documents relating to water rights and water data shall remain at all times within the water district where those documents were filed."