

1 SENATE BILL 351

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; ALLOWING A MEMBER OF THE NEW  
12 MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO SERVE AS A VOTING MEMBER ON AN  
13 INTERIM COMMITTEE APPOINTED OR CREATED BY THE NEW MEXICO  
14 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.  
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

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

19 "2-3-3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL--POWERS--DUTIES.--It [~~shall~~  
20 ~~be~~] is the duty of the New Mexico legislative council to:

21 A. [~~to~~] adopt rules and regulations for the  
22 administration of [~~this act~~] Chapter 2, Article 3 NMSA 1978 in  
23 the conduct of the affairs of the legislative council service;

24 B. [~~to~~] formulate policies for the operation and  
25 conduct of the business of the legislative council service and

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1 generally to supervise all of the activities of [~~such~~] the  
2 council service;

3 C. [~~to~~] carry out the purposes of the legislative  
4 council service as hereafter set forth;

5 D. [~~to~~] create committees of legislators to study  
6 major problems during the periods when the legislature is not  
7 in session; provided that:

8 (1) no member of the council shall serve as an  
9 officer [~~or voting member~~] on an interim committee appointed or  
10 created by the council;

11 (2) all committees created by the council  
12 shall terminate on or before December 1 of the year in which  
13 they are created unless the council subsequently extends the  
14 life of the committee for not more than one month;

15 (3) the minority party shall be represented on  
16 all council-created committees in the proportion the minority  
17 party is represented in each house;

18 (4) the relationship of the size of the house  
19 and senate shall be taken into consideration in determining the  
20 number of members from each house appointed to an interim  
21 committee created by the council; and

22 (5) members shall be appointed to council-  
23 created committees by the same appointing authorities that  
24 appoint the council members from each house and subject to the  
25 same recommendations. The council shall name committee

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1 officers from among the committee members so appointed;

2 E. ~~[tø]~~ adopt rules of procedure for all committees  
3 created by the council, including a rule that no action shall  
4 be taken by ~~[the]~~ a committee if a majority of the total  
5 membership from either house on the committee rejects such  
6 action; provided that no member of the legislature shall ever  
7 be excluded from any meeting of any committee appointed by the  
8 council; and

9 F. ~~[tø]~~ refrain from advocating or opposing the  
10 introduction or passage of legislation."

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