

1 SENATE BILL 460

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

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE; ALLOWING  
12 MINORITY FLOOR LEADERS TO APPOINT THE MINORITY MEMBERS TO THE  
13 COMMITTEE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

16 SECTION 1. Section 2-5-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957,  
17 Chapter 3, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "2-5-1. LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE CREATED--TERMS--  
19 VACANCIES.--

20 A. There is created a continuing joint interim  
21 committee of the legislature to be designated the "legislative  
22 finance committee". The committee shall be composed of sixteen  
23 members, eight members from the house of representatives and  
24 eight members from the senate. [~~The chairmen of the house  
25 appropriations and finance and house taxation and revenue~~

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1 ~~committees and the senate finance committee or members of their~~  
2 ~~respective committees designated by each of them from time to~~  
3 ~~time shall be members. The minority party shall be represented~~  
4 ~~on the committee by at least one member from each house. Six~~  
5 ~~of the remaining members shall be appointed from the house of~~  
6 ~~representatives by the speaker, and the seven remaining members~~  
7 ~~shall be appointed from the senate by the committees' committee~~  
8 ~~or, if the appointments are made in the interim, by the~~  
9 ~~president pro tempore after consultation with and agreement of~~  
10 ~~a majority of the members of the committees' committee.]~~

11 B. The majority members from the house of  
12 representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house  
13 of representatives. The minority members from the house of  
14 representatives shall be appointed by the house minority floor  
15 leader. The majority members from the senate shall be  
16 appointed by the president pro tempore. The minority members  
17 from the senate shall be appointed by the senate minority floor  
18 leader.

19 C. An appointed member may designate a member of  
20 [his] the appointed member's party to serve in [his] the  
21 appointed member's place at a committee meeting at which the  
22 [regular] appointed member is going to be absent if the member  
23 notifies the [chairman] chair of the legislative finance  
24 committee of [his] the anticipated absence and [his] the  
25 member's designee at least twenty-four hours before the

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1 committee meeting. The appointed members of the committee  
2 shall be appointed from each house so as to give the two  
3 political parties having the most members in each house the  
4 same total proportionate representation on the committee as  
5 prevails in that house; provided that, in the computation,  
6 major fractions shall be counted as whole numbers. ~~[Minority~~  
7 ~~members from the house shall be appointed by the speaker only~~  
8 ~~from recommendations made by the minority floor leader,~~  
9 ~~although the speaker shall retain the right to reject any such~~  
10 ~~recommendations.~~

11 ~~B.]~~ D. Members shall be appointed for terms of two  
12 years and shall serve from the time of their appointment until  
13 the end of the next session of the legislature. The term of  
14 any member shall terminate when the member ceases to be a  
15 member of the legislature.

16 ~~[C.]~~ E. Vacancies in the committee may be filled  
17 for the unexpired term by appointment from the house or senate  
18 respectively by the respective appointing authority that makes  
19 the original appointments and subject to the same  
20 recommendations; provided the new members shall be from the  
21 same house of the legislature and the same party from which  
22 their predecessors were appointed. The committee shall elect  
23 from its membership such other officers as may be deemed  
24 necessary. The officers shall be appointed for terms  
25 coterminous with their membership on the committee. Each

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1 office shall be alternated between the respective houses each  
2 two years. For the terms beginning in 1979, the [~~chairman~~  
3 chair] shall be a senate member and the vice [~~chairman~~] chair,  
4 if any, shall be a house member. The appointing authority of  
5 each house shall exercise its appointing authority by naming  
6 the [~~chairman~~] chair or vice [~~chairman~~] chair, respectively, on  
7 this alternating basis.

8 [~~D.~~] F. No action shall be taken by the committee  
9 if a majority of the total membership from either house on the  
10 committee rejects the action."

11 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
12 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.