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HOUSE BILL 460

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LOBBYING; PROHIBITING LOCAL OFFICIALS FROM BEING EMPLOYED AS LOBBYISTS; AMENDING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

A new section of the Lobbyist Regulation Act is Section 1. enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] LOCAL OFFICIALS PROHIBITED FROM LOBBYING EMPLOYMENT. - -

- No elected or appointed official of a county, A. district, city, town or village shall be employed as a lobbyist.
- For the purposes of this section, "employed" means that a person is in a contractual relationship with another person in which the person employed receives compensation. "

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Section 2.	Section	10-4-2 NMSA	1978 (b	eing Laws	1909
Chapter 36, Sect	ion 2, as	amended) is	s amended	l to read:	

- "10-4-2. <u>REMOVAL--CAUSES OF.--[Sec. 6.]</u> The following shall be causes for removal of any officer belonging to the class mentioned in [the preceding] Section 10-4-1 NMSA 1978:
- [4] \underline{A} . conviction of any felony or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;
- [2] <u>B.</u> failure, neglect or refusal to discharge the duties of the office or failure, neglect or refusal to discharge any duty devolving upon the officer by virtue of his office;
- [3] <u>C.</u> knowingly demanding or receiving illegal fees as such officer:
- [4] \underline{D} . failure to account for money coming into his hands as such officer:
- [5] <u>E.</u> gross incompetency or gross negligence in discharging the duties of the office;
- F. lobbying in violation of the Lobbyist Regulation

 Act: or
- [6] <u>G.</u> any other act [or acts which] that in the opinion of the court or jury [amounts] amounts to corruption in office or gross immorality rendering the incumbent unfit to fill the office."
- Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1997.