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SENATE BILL 248

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SEVERANCE TAX BONDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO LEA COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. SEVERANCE TAX BONDS--PURPOSE FOR WHICH ISSUED--APPROPRIATION OF PROCEEDS.--

A. The state board of finance may issue and sell severance tax bonds in compliance with the Severance Tax Bonding Act in an amount not exceeding one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000) when the local government division of the department of finance and administration certifies the need for the issuance of the bonds. The state board of finance shall schedule the issuance and sale of the bonds in the most expeditious and economical manner possible upon a finding by the

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board that the project has been developed sufficiently to justify the issuance and that the project can proceed to contract within a reasonable time. The state board of finance shall further take the appropriate steps necessary to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds are appropriated to the local government division in the following amounts for the following purposes in Lea county:

- (1) for construction of a landfill, professional services and permitting of the site, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000);
- $(2) \quad \text{for construction of a magistrate building} \\ \text{complex in Hobbs, five hundred fifty thousand dollars} \\ (\$550,000);$
- (3) for remodeling the Lea county office complex in Hobbs for the state police offices, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000);
- (4) for renovation of the rooms of the district court in the Lea county courthouse, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000); and
- (5) for increasing the security of the Lea county courthouse, two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).
- B. If the local government division has not certified the need for the issuance of the bonds by the end of

fiscal year 1999, the authorization provided in this section shall be void. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining from the proceeds of severance tax bonds issued pursuant to Subsection A of this section at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the severance tax bonding fund.

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

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