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HOUSE BILL 276

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

JOSE R. ABEYTA

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND GRANTS; CREATING A LAND GRANT INTERIM  
COMMITTEE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. LAND GRANT INTERIM COMMITTEE-- CREATION--  
TERMINATION.--The "land grant interim committee" is created.  
The committee shall function from the date of its appointment  
until December 1 prior to the second session of the forty-  
fourth legislature.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP-- APPOINTMENT-- VACANCIES.--The land  
grant interim committee shall be composed of eight members.  
The New Mexico legislative council shall appoint four members  
from the house of representatives and four members from the  
senate. At the time of making the appointments, the New  
Mexico legislative council shall designate the chairman and

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1 vice chairman of the committee. Members shall be appointed to  
2 give the two major political parties in each house the same  
3 proportionate representation on the committee as prevails in  
4 each house; provided, however, that in no event shall either  
5 of the parties have less than one member from each house on  
6 the committee. Members may be removed from the committee by  
7 the New Mexico legislative council at the request of the  
8 committee chairman for nonattendance according to council  
9 policy. Vacancies on the committee, however caused, may be  
10 filled by the New Mexico legislative council, or the council  
11 may reduce the size of the committee by not making replacement  
12 appointments and in that case need not readjust party  
13 representation. No action shall be taken by the committee if  
14 a majority of the total membership from either house on the  
15 committee rejects the action.

16 Section 3. DUTIES--REPORT.--

17 A. After its appointment, the land grant interim  
18 committee shall hold one organizational meeting to develop a  
19 work plan, budget and schedule of meetings for the ensuing  
20 interim. The work plan and budget shall be submitted to the  
21 New Mexico legislative council for approval.

22 B. Upon approval of the work plan and budget by  
23 the New Mexico legislative council, the land grant interim  
24 committee shall:

- 25 (1) study existing law regarding land grants

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1 and develop legislation to improve existing law;

2 (2) gather testimony from land grant heirs  
3 from across New Mexico to acquire an understanding of the  
4 issues and concerns facing them; and

5 (3) gather testimony from other community  
6 groups and state agencies to understand the relationship  
7 between land grant heirs and other property owners in New  
8 Mexico.

9 C. The committee shall report its findings and  
10 recommendations for the consideration of the first session of  
11 the forty-fourth legislature and for the second session of the  
12 forty-fourth legislature. The report and suggested  
13 legislation shall be made available to the New Mexico  
14 legislative council on or before December 15 preceding each  
15 session.

16 Section 4. STAFF.--The staff for the land grant interim  
17 committee shall be provided by the legislative council  
18 service.

19 Section 5. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty thousand dollars  
20 (\$20,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
21 legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year  
22 1999 for the purpose of paying the salaries and expenses of  
23 technical, legal and clerical staff; for purchasing equipment  
24 and supplies; and for reimbursing the per diem and mileage  
25 expenses of the land grant interim committee members. Any

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1 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
2 fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the general fund.

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9 Mr. Speaker:  
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11 Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to  
12 whom has been referred  
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17 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE  
18 in accordance with constitutional provisions.  
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21 Respectfully submitted,  
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R. David Pederson, Chairman

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Hobbs, Nicely, Ryan, Sanchez, Williams, S.M

Absent: None

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