

AN ACT

RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE EXPENDITURES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF PER DIEM AND MILEAGE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE LEGISLATURE, FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE OF SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES AND FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE FOR THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, FOR PRE-SESSION EXPENSES AND FOR THE INTERIM EXPENSES OF THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. SPECIAL SESSION--APPROPRIATION.--

A. The following amounts are appropriated from the legislative council service cash balances for expenditure in fiscal year 1998 for the following expenses of the first special session of the forty-third legislature:

(1) for the expense of the house of representatives, two hundred thirty-three thousand four hundred dollars (\$233,400) to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the speaker and the chief clerk of the house of representatives;

(2) for the expense of the senate, two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the chairman of the committees' committee and the chief clerk of the senate; and

(3) for the expense of the legislative council service, the joint billroom and the legislative switchboard, ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) to be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service or his authorized representative.

B. Following adjournment of the first special session of the forty-third legislature, expenditures authorized in this section shall be disbursed on vouchers signed by the director of the legislative council service or his authorized representative.

Section 2. LEGISLATIVE PRE-SESSION EXPENSES--SENATE RULES COMMITTEE--APPROPRIATIONS.--

A. The following amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 1999 for the following purposes:

(1) three hundred fifty-two thousand three hundred dollars (\$352,300) for pre-session expenditures and for necessary contracts, supplies and personnel for interim session preparation; and

(2) twenty-one thousand six hundred dollars (\$21,600) for the interim expenses of the senate rules committee.

Section 3. LEGISLATIVE INTERIM EXPENSES.--Eight hundred eighty-six thousand dollars (\$886,000) from the general fund and two hundred seventy-four thousand dollars (\$274,000) from

legislative council service cash balances are appropriated to the legislative council service for expenditure in fiscal year 1999 for interim expenses, including a leadership staff pilot project conducted under the aegis of the legislative council service. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall not revert to the general fund.

Section 4. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.
