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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO EXTEND THE
TASK FORCE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY AND MUNICIPAL
REPRESENTATIVES STUDYING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND FRANCHISE
ISSUES.

WHEREAS, the telecommunications industry is experiencing
change due to technological advances; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico municipal league has provided to
municipalities a model ordinance to enact a twelve-month
moratorium on renewing franchises for telecommunications
providers; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunications industry and
municipalities have formed a task force, including legislative
members, that has been meeting during the 2001 interim to
study telecommunications franchise issues; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the task force is the
development of a statewide model for agreements between
municipalities and telecommunications providers; and

WHEREAS, until a model agreement is reached between the

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1 industry and the New Mexico municipal league, it is desirable
2 to ensure that new entrants to the telecommunications industry
3 in New Mexico be bound by the same requirements as exist in
4 current agreements with like telecommunications providers
5 within the municipality;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
8 requested to continue the appointments of two members of the
9 house of representatives and two members of the senate to
10 participate in a task force comprised of a representative of
11 the cable communications industry, a representative of the
12 wireless industry, representatives of the telecommunications
13 industry and representatives of New Mexico's municipalities
14 studying telecommunications franchise issues; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative
16 council be requested to direct the revenue stabilization and
17 tax policy committee and the economic and rural development
18 and telecommunications committee to receive a report from the
19 task force of its findings and recommendations prior to the
20 first session of the forty-sixth legislature but no later than
21 December 31, 2002; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico's municipalities
23 be requested to hold new entrants to the telecommunications
24 industry to the requirements of current telecommunications
25 providers and to extend the moratorium on renewing franchises
until July 1, 2003; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the director of the legislative council
service, the New Mexico municipal league and representatives

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