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**SENATE BILL 200**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**FOR THE WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**AN ACT**

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE  
WATER ADJUDICATION PROCESS IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER;  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**Section 1. APPROPRIATION. -- One million three hundred  
twenty-four thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,324,400) is  
appropriated from the general fund to the state engineer for  
expenditure in fiscal year 2004 and subsequent fiscal years for  
personnel, hardware, software, equipment, office space and  
administrative support to accelerate hydrographic survey,  
fieldwork and mapping and to expand the informal interaction of  
the state engineer's staff with water rights claimants in order  
to decrease the amount of formal mediation and litigation  
within water rights adjudications and to increase informal**

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1 negotiations for settlement of claims. Any unexpended or  
2 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year  
3 shall not revert to the general fund.

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

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