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**HOUSE BILL 539**

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

**INTRODUCED BY**

**Mary Helen Garcia**

**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PAY  
THE COSTS OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ELECTIONS.**

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

Section 1. SPECIAL ELECTIONS-- COSTS. --The secretary of state shall pay the costs of conducting statewide special elections and elections called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the office of United States representative and shall reimburse the counties for expenses incurred in conducting those elections; provided, however, that the secretary of state shall pay only those costs in an amount equal to or less than the amount appropriated for that election.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2005.

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