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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND GRANTS; CREATING PROTECTIONS AGAINST ADVERSE  
POSSESSION CLAIMS TO COMMON LANDS ADMINISTERED BY LAND  
GRANT-MERCEDES THAT ARE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; REPEALING  
SECTIONS 37-1-21 AND 47-1-25 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1857-1858,  
P. 64 AND LAWS 1863-1864, P. 54, AS AMENDED).

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

Section 1. A new Section of Chapter 49, Article 1 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"ADVERSE POSSESSION.--A land grant-merced managed,  
controlled and governed as a political subdivision pursuant  
to Chapter 49 NMSA 1978 shall not be subject to adverse  
possession claims to or defenses against the common lands  
administered by the political subdivision, provided that  
those claims or defenses have not vested prior to the  
effective date of this section."

Section 2. REPEAL.--Sections 37-1-21 and 47-1-25 NMSA  
1978 (being Laws 1857-1858, p. 64 and Laws 1863-1864, p. 54,  
as amended) are repealed.