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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COSTS OF THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--One million six hundred thirty-seven thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,637,400) is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of state for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 to pay the costs of the 2008 general election of which forty-seven thousand dollars (\$47,000) may be distributed to the county clerks for the training of presiding judges by the county clerks and with which the secretary of state may assist in accordance with Section 1-2-2 NMSA 1978. This appropriation is contingent on the state board of finance approving the method by which the secretary of state determines the number of ballots to be printed for each precinct in the state. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining on December 31, 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

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