

1 SENATE BILL 155

2 **49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES; EQUALIZING THE MEMBERSHIP
12 OF THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE.

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

15 Section 1. Section 2-10-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,
16 Chapter 287, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "2-10-1. CREATION OF COMMITTEE--MEMBERS--NUMBER--
18 APPOINTMENT--TERM OF OFFICE.--

19 A. A permanent joint interim committee of the
20 legislature to be called the "legislative education study
21 committee" is created. The committee shall be composed of ten
22 members, [~~four~~] five from the senate and [~~six~~] five from the
23 house. The house education committee and the senate education
24 committee shall be represented. The committee members shall be
25 appointed for two-year terms [~~which~~] that shall expire on the

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1 first day of each odd-year session. The term of any member
2 shall terminate when such member ceases to be a member of the
3 legislature. Members shall be appointed by the committees'
4 committee of the senate or, if the appointment is made in the
5 interim, by the president pro tempore, after consultation with
6 and agreement of a majority of the members of the committees'
7 committee, and the speaker of the house of representatives;
8 provided, however, minority members shall be appointed by the
9 speaker only from recommendations made by the minority floor
10 leader, although the speaker shall retain the right to reject
11 any such recommendations. Vacancies on the committee shall be
12 filled for the unexpired term by the respective appointing
13 authority ~~[which]~~ that makes the original appointments and
14 subject to the same recommendations, provided that members
15 shall be appointed from the respective houses, parties and
16 committees so as to maintain the same number of house and
17 senate members and the same representation of standing
18 committees as provided in the original appointments. Each of
19 the two parties having the largest number of members in the
20 legislature shall be represented on the committee in proportion
21 to the membership of each such party in each house; provided
22 that in the computation, major fractions shall be counted as
23 whole numbers, and in no event shall either of the two major
24 parties have less than one member from each house.

25 B. The officers shall be appointed for terms

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1 coterminous with their membership on the committee. Each
2 office shall be alternated between the respective houses each
3 two years. For the terms beginning in 1979, the [~~chairman~~
4 chair] shall be a house member and the vice [~~chairman~~] chair, if
5 any, shall be a senate member. The appointing authority of
6 each house shall exercise its appointing authority by naming
7 the [~~chairman~~] chair or vice [~~chairman~~] chair respectively on
8 this alternating basis.

9 C. No action shall be taken by the committee if a
10 majority of the total membership from either house on the
11 committee rejects such action."

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