

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE A
3 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROCESSES, PROCEDURES AND RULES OF
4 STATE GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE AREAS WHERE GREATER
5 EFFICIENCIES AND PUBLIC ACCESS CAN BE INCORPORATED IN ALL
6 BRANCHES OF NEW MEXICO STATE GOVERNMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, government and bureaucracy seem to be
9 interchangeable terms; and

10 WHEREAS, bureaucracy bears the stigma of an
11 unnecessarily confusing process, burdensome regulation or
12 purposeful obstruction to the access of information or
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, the legislature is constantly being informed by
15 constituents of the burdensome or confusing nature of
16 government, and legislators are aware that information needed
17 to make critical decisions for the welfare of the state is
18 often not available or requires great effort to obtain; and

19 WHEREAS, many constituents desire government processes
20 and procedures that are open and transparent, that respond to
21 public concerns and that are easy to navigate; and

22 WHEREAS, it is important for the legislature to review
23 state government processes, procedures and rules periodically
24 to ensure that state government is providing the information
25 and services made available to the public in statute in the

1 most efficient, economical and effective manner and to ensure
2 that the processes and procedures are easy to navigate and
3 the rules are not unnecessarily burdensome;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council
6 be requested to appoint or identify a committee to review the
7 current processes, procedures and rules of all branches of
8 New Mexico state government; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the
10 legislature reviewing the processes, procedures and rules of
11 state government seek ways to encourage greater efficiency,
12 effectiveness and economy in state government that result in
13 greater access and transparency for the public; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee determine the
15 best manner in which to proceed to review the many processes,
16 procedures and rules of state government on an ongoing basis
17 and make a recommendation to the New Mexico legislative
18 council regarding the committee's findings; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the president pro tempore of the senate, the
21 speaker of the house of representatives, the governor and the
22 chief justice of the supreme court. _____

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