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HOUSE BILL 161

**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

INTRODUCED BY  
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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROHIBITING CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS AND SOLICITATIONS OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY PERSONS CONTRACTING WITH THE STATE LAND OFFICE; PROHIBITING CERTAIN CONTRACTS.

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

Section 1. A new section of the Campaign Reporting Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS PROHIBITED--CERTAIN CONTRACTS PROHIBITED.--

A. A person that contracts with the state land office shall not make a contribution to or solicit contributions on behalf of:

(1) a candidate for nomination or election to the office of commissioner of public lands or a campaign

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1 committee established by the candidate; or

2 (2) a political committee:

3 (a) established by the commissioner of  
4 public lands or an agent of the commissioner or in consultation  
5 with or at the request of the commissioner or an agent of the  
6 commissioner; or

7 (b) controlled by the commissioner of  
8 public lands or an agent of the commissioner to aid or promote  
9 the nomination or election of any candidate or candidates to a  
10 state office.

11 B. A candidate or political committee described in  
12 Subsection A of this section shall not accept or solicit a  
13 contribution prohibited by that subsection.

14 C. A person who makes a contribution to or solicits  
15 contributions on behalf of a candidate or political committee  
16 described in Paragraph (1) or (2) of Subsection A of this  
17 section shall not be eligible to enter into a contract with the  
18 state land office:

19 (1) for the five-year period following the  
20 date that the contribution or solicitation was made; and

21 (2) until one year following the expiration of  
22 the term of the commissioner of public lands if the candidate  
23 to whom the person made the prohibited contribution is elected  
24 to and remains in office after that five-year period has run.

25 D. For the purposes of this section, "person that

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1 contracts with the state land office" means an individual or  
2 other legal entity that has a current contract with the  
3 commissioner of public lands or, beginning on or after July 1,  
4 2012, within the previous two years has entered into a contract  
5 with the commissioner for:

6 (1) the lease or other use of state land,  
7 including but not limited to a grazing lease, a lease for the  
8 development of oil and gas or other minerals, a business lease,  
9 a planning lease, a commercial development agreement or a grant  
10 of right of way, but not including a recreational permit or  
11 other grant of temporary access for which the consideration  
12 exchanged is of no or minimal value;

13 (2) the purchase or exchange of state land; or

14 (3) the rendition of services, including  
15 professional services and financial services, or the furnishing  
16 of any material, supplies or equipment, but only if the  
17 contract has a total value of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)  
18 or more."

19 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
20 provisions of this act is July 1, 2010.

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