HOUSE BILL 577

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCES; ALLOWING A MUNICIPALITY WITH MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND INHABITANTS TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT TRUST.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] MUNICIPAL POST-EMPLOYMENT
BENEFIT TRUST FUND.--

- A. A municipal post-employment benefit trust may be established, maintained and used by a municipal treasurer with the advice and consent of the municipal board of finance.
- B. The municipality's contributions to the municipal post-employment benefit trust shall be irrevocable, and the money in the trust shall be dedicated exclusively to funding post-retirement benefits pursuant to the provisions of the trust established by the municipal treasurer.

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- C. Money in a municipal post-employment benefit trust shall be invested pursuant to the Uniform Prudent Investor Act and the provisions of this section. Earnings and income from investment of money in the municipal post-employment benefit trust shall be credited to the trust.
- D. The municipal treasurer shall serve as the trustee and may use the services of a trust company to manage the investment of money in the municipal post-employment benefit trust.

E. As used in this section:

- (1) "municipal post-employment benefit trust" means an investment fund established, maintained and used by a municipality exclusively for the purposes permitted under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- (2) "municipality" means an incorporated city that has a population of more than two hundred thousand people according to the most recent federal decennial census; and
- (3) "trust company" means an individual or a company, corporation, firm, partnership or other legal entity that provides investment services pursuant to the Trust Company Act and that agrees to adhere to the provisions of the Uniform Prudent Investor Act.

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