

1 HOUSE BILL 357

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO
12 CONVENE A NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING INFORMATION TASK FORCE; MAKING
13 AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

16 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SECRETARY OF STATE--NATIVE
17 AMERICAN VOTING INFORMATION TASK FORCE.--

18 A. The secretary of state shall establish a Native
19 American voting information task force.

20 B. The Native American voting information task
21 force shall make findings and recommendations to the secretary
22 of state regarding Native American voting education and
23 information.

24 C. The Native American voting information task
25 force shall have five members, appointed by the secretary of

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1 state. The members of the task force shall include:

- 2 (1) a member of the Navajo Nation;
- 3 (2) a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation;
- 4 (3) a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe;
- 5 (4) a member of a pueblo; and
- 6 (5) a Native American who resides in an urban
7 area.

8 D. Members of the Native American voting
9 information task force shall not receive compensation for the
10 performance of their duties but shall be paid per diem and
11 mileage for attendance at meetings of the task force as
12 provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act for nonsalaried public
13 officials.

14 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Twenty thousand dollars
15 (\$20,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
16 secretary of state for expenditure in fiscal year 2018 and
17 subsequent fiscal years to convene a Native American voting
18 information task force. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
19 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the
20 general fund.

21 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.**--It is necessary for the public
22 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.