

SENATE BILL 222

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AN ACT

RELATING TO RECORDS; REQUIRING THAT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO WATER RIGHTS AND WATER DATA REMAIN WITHIN THE WATER DISTRICT WHERE THE DOCUMENTS WERE FILED SJC→EXCEPT WHEN THE DOCUMENTS ARE TEMPORARILY REMOVED TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE WATER DATA ACT AND COPIES OF THE COMPLETE RECORD ARE MADE AVAILABLE←SJC .

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

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SECTION 1. Section 72-4B-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019, Chapter 147, Section 1) is amended to read:

"72-4B-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[This act]~~ Chapter 72, Article 4B NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Water Data Act"."

SECTION 2. A new section of the Water Data Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] RETENTION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.--Original documents relating to water rights and water data shall remain SJC→~~at all times~~←SJC within the water district where those documents were filed SJC→; provided that original documents relating to water rights and water data may be temporarily removed from the water district where those documents were filed to carry out the purposes of the Water Data Act if complete copies of the complete record relating to the documents removed are made available in the water district where the original documents were filed←SJC ."