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42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC FUNDS; CHANGING CERTAIN PROVISIONS FOR INVESTMENT OF THE PERMANENT FUND AND THE SEVERANCE TAX PERMANENT FUND.

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

Section 1. Section 6-8-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957, Chapter 179, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-8-9. SECURITIES AND INVESTMENT. -- Money made available for investment for a period in excess of one year may be invested in the following classes of securities and investments:

- A. bonds, notes or other obligations of the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities;
- B. bonds, notes or obligations of a municipal or political subdivision of this state, issued pursuant to a law of this state; provided that the issuer has not, within ten years

prior to the making of the investment, been in default for more than three months in the payment of any part of the principal or interest on any debt evidenced by its bonds, notes or obligations; and provided further, if the bonds are city or county utility or utility-district revenue bonds, the revenues of that utility, other than for payment of operation and maintenance expenses, are pledged wholly to the payment of the interest on and principal of the indebtedness and the utility project has been completely self-supporting for a period of five years next preceding the investment;

- C. bonds, debentures or other obligations issued by a federal land bank or by a federal intermediate credit bank or banks for cooperatives under the acts of congress known as the Federal Farm Loan Act, as amended, and the Farm Credit Act of 1933, as amended;
- D. bonds, debentures or other obligations issued or guaranteed by any national mortgage association under the act of congress of June 27, 1934 known as the National Housing Act, as amended;
- E. bonds, notes, debentures, equipment trust certificates, conditional sales agreements or other evidences of indebtedness of any corporation organized and operating within the United States, rated not less than [A] <u>Baa or BBB or the equivalent</u> by a national rating service;
 - F. common and preferred stocks and convertible

issues of any corporation organized and operating within the United States; provided that it has a minimum net worth of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) and securities listed on one or more national stock exchanges; and provided further that the fund shall not own more than five percent of the voting stock of any company. Common stocks should represent a diversified portfolio with an above-average current yield and the prospect for dividend increases and capital appreciation;

- G. industrial revenue bonds issued pursuant to the Industrial Revenue Bond Act, where both the principal and interest of the bonds are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by a lease agreement, executed by a corporation organized and operating within the United States, rated not less than A by a national rating service;
- H. notes or obligations securing loans to New Mexico businesses made by banks and savings and loan associations pursuant to the act of congress of July 30, 1953 known as the Small Business Act of 1953, as amended, only to the extent that both principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States government. The state investment officer may enter into conventional agreements for the servicing of the loans and the administration of the receipts therefrom. Any servicing agreement may contain reasonable and customary provisions as the state investment officer may deem advisable and as may be agreed upon;

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- I. notes or obligations securing loans or participation in loans to business concerns or other organizations [which] that are obligated to use the loan proceeds within New Mexico, to the extent the loans are secured by first mortgages on real estate located in New Mexico and are further secured by an assignment of rentals, the payment of which is fully guaranteed by the United States in an amount sufficient to pay all principal and interest of the mortgage;
- notes or obligations securing loans issued by banks and savings and loan associations pursuant to Title IV of the act of congress of November 8, 1965 known as the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, only to the extent that both principal and interest are guaranteed unconditionally by the United States government. The applicant banks or savings and loan associations shall enter into an indemnity agreement to pay off the investments, together with interest and any unpaid costs and expenses in connection therewith, according to the terms under which they are made in a form [which] that meets the approval of the state investment officer. The state investment officer may enter into conventional agreements for the servicing of the loans and the administration of the receipts therefrom Any servicing agreement may contain reasonable and customary provisions as the state investment officer may deem advisable and as may be agreed upon;
 - K. obligations secured by mortgages constituting a

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first lien upon real estate located within the state of New Mexico [which] that are fully insured or guaranteed as to the payment of the principal and interest thereof by the government of the United States or by any authorized agency thereof, including mortgages securing loans insured under the National Housing Act or the Farmers' Home Administration Act, as amended. The state investment officer may enter into conventional agreements for the servicing of those loans and the administration of the receipts therefrom, and any servicing agreement may contain reasonable and customary provisions as the state investment officer may deem advisable and as may be agreed upon, with respect to such matters as the taking and holding of title in the name of the servicing agent for the benefit of the state investment officer; the physical custody of the obligations and mortgages serviced by the servicing agent; the deduction of the servicing agent's fee, in the amount [which] that shall not annually exceed one-half of one percent of the principal balance of the obligations serviced from time to time outstanding, by the servicing agent, prior to remittance of the proceeds; the periodic remittance of the net proceeds received in payment on all obligations so secured to the state treasurer as custodian of the permanent fund; the authority and duty of the servicing agent with respect to the collection of any obligation in default and the effectuation of the applicable federal insurance or guarantee thereof; and other appropriate

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L. bonds, notes, debentures and other obligations issued by the state of New Mexico. All transactions entered into on or after July 1, 1991 shall be accounted for in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Not more than fifty percent of the total of the permanent fund shall be invested in securities [under] described in Subsections E and F of this section, and no more than ten percent of the book value of the permanent fund shall be invested in securities described in Subsection E of this section that are rated Baa or BBB.

Commissions paid for the purchase and sale of any security shall not exceed brokerage rates prescribed and approved by national stock exchanges or by industry practice."

Section 2. Section 6-8-19 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 126, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"6-8-19. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS--REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS.--

A. Money in or derived from the land grant permanent trust funds and in or from the severance tax permanent fund made available for investment for a period of less than one year may be invested in:

(1) contracts for the present purchase and resale at a specified time in the future, not to exceed one year, of specific securities at specified prices at a price differential representing the interest income to be earned by

the state. No such contract shall be invested in unless the contract is fully secured by:

(a) obligations of the United States or other securities backed by the United States [having] if the obligations or securities have a market value of at least one hundred two percent of the amount of the contract; or

(b) A1 or P1 commercial paper, corporate obligations rated AA or better and maturing in five years or less or asset-backed securities rated AAA with an average life of five years or less if the commercial paper, corporate obligations or asset-backed securities have a market value of at least one hundred three percent of the market value of the contract;

state-owned securities for the use of broker-dealers, banks or other recognized institutional investors in securities, for periods not to exceed one year, for a specified fee rate. No such contract shall be invested in unless the contract is fully secured by exchange of an irrevocable letter of credit running to the state, cash or equivalent collateral of at least one hundred two percent of the market value of the securities plus accrued interest temporarily exchanged. Such contracts may authorize the state investment officer to invest cash collateral in instruments or securities that are authorized investments for the funds and may authorize payment of a fee from the funds, or

from income generated by the investment of cash collateral, to the borrower of securities providing cash as collateral. The state investment officer may enter into a contract that apportions income derived from the investment of cash to pay its agent in securities-lending transactions;

- (3) commercial paper issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States and rated "prime" quality by a national rating service; and
- (4) prime bankers' acceptances issued by money center banks.
- B. The collateral required for either of the forms of investment specified in Paragraph (1) or (2) of Subsection A of this section shall be delivered to the state fiscal agent or its designee contemporaneously with the transfer of funds or delivery of the securities, at the earliest time industry practice permits, but in all cases settlement shall be on a same-day basis.
- C. Neither of the contracts specified in Paragraph (1) or (2) of Subsection A of this section shall be invested in unless the contracting bank, brokerage firm or recognized institutional investor has a net worth in excess of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) or is a primary broker or primary dealer."

Section 3. Section 7-27-5.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1983, Chapter 306, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"7-27-5.1. MARKET RATE INVESTMENTS. --

A. The severance tax permanent fund may be invested in the following market rate investments:

- (1) bonds, notes or other obligations of the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities and bonds, notes or other obligations guaranteed by agencies and instrumentalities of the United States government, including the bureau of Indian affairs:
- (2) bonds, notes, debentures or other obligations issued under the act of congress of June 27, 1934 known as the Federal Farm Loan Act, as amended, and the [Federal] Farm Credit Act of 1933, as amended;
- (3) bonds, notes, debentures or other obligations issued or guaranteed by any national mortgage association under the act of congress of June 27, 1934 known as the National Housing Act, as amended;
- (4) preferred stock, common stock or convertible issues of any corporation organized and operating within the United States; provided that it shall have a minimum net worth of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) and securities listed on one or more national stock exchanges or included on a nationally recognized list of stocks; and provided further that the fund shall not own more than five percent of the voting stock of any company. Common stock shall not be purchased if, at the time, it will exceed or will with the

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purchase exceed [thirty-five] fifty percent of the book value of the severance tax permanent fund. Common stocks should represent a diversified portfolio with an above-average current yield and the prospects for dividend increases and capital appreciation;

- (5)bonds, notes, debentures or other evidence of indebtedness, excluding commercial paper of any corporation organized and operating within the United States; provided that the bonds, notes, debentures or other evidence of indebtedness are rated at least Baa or BBB or the equivalent by a national rating service. No more than ten percent of the severance tax permanent fund shall be invested in bonds, notes, debentures or other evidence of indebtedness that are rated Baa or BBB or the equivalent by a national rating service;
- commercial paper rated "prime" quality by a **(6)** national rating service, issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States;
- **(7)** prime bankers' acceptances issued by money center banks;
- (8) contracts for the present purchase and resale at a specified time in the future, not to exceed one year, of specific securities at specific prices at a price differential representing the interest income to be earned by No such contract shall be invested in unless the the state. contract is fully secured by:

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contracts for the temporary exchange of state-owned securities for the use of broker-dealers, banks or other recognized institutional investors in securities, for periods not to exceed one year, for a specified fee rate. such contract shall be invested in unless the contract is fully secured by exchange of an irrevocable letter of credit running to the state, cash or equivalent collateral of at least one hundred two percent of the market value of the securities plus accrued interest temporarily exchanged. Such contracts may authorize the state investment officer to invest cash collateral in instruments or securities that are authorized investments for the funds and may authorize payment of a fee from the funds, or from income generated by the investment of cash collateral, to the borrower of securities providing cash as collateral. The state investment officer may enter into a contract that

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real-property-related business loans. The actual amount invested under this paragraph shall not exceed ten percent of the severance tax permanent fund and shall be included in any minimum amount of severance tax permanent fund investments required to be placed in New Mexico certificates of deposit. Investments authorized in this paragraph are subject to the following:

(a) the state investment officer may purchase from eligible institutions a participation interest of up to eighty percent in any loan secured by a first mortgage or a deed of trust on the real property located in New Mexico of an eligible business entity, or its subsidiary, that is operating or shall use loan proceeds to commence operations within New Mexico plus any other guarantees or collateral that may be judged by the eligible institution or the state investment officer to be prudent. To be eligible for investment the following minimum requirements shall be met: 1) the loan proceeds shall be used exclusively for the purpose of expanding or establishing businesses in New Mexico, including the refinancing of such businesses for expansion purposes only. Ιf a portion of the loan proceeds were used for refinancing or repaying an existing loan and payment of principal and interest

1 to the state has not been made within ninety days from the due date, unless extended pursuant to agreement between the 2 originating institution and the state investment officer, the originating institution shall buy back the state's participation interest in the loan and begin foreclosure proceedings; 5 2) eligible business entities shall not include public utilities 7 or financial institutions or shopping centers, apartment buildings or other such passive investments; 3) the minimum loan 9 amount shall be two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) 10 and may be met by packaging up to ten separate loans satisfying 11 the requirements of this paragraph. The maximum loan amount 12 shall be two million dollars (\$2,000,000); 4) the loan maturity 13 shall be not less than five years or more than thirty years; 14 5) the maximum loan-to-value ratio shall be seventy-five percent 15 and based on current appraisal of the real property by an 16 appraiser who is licensed or certified in New Mexico and 17 approved by the state investment officer, which shall be made 18 not more than one hundred eighty days from the loan origination 19 date; 6) the interest rate of the loan shall be fixed for five 20 years and shall be adjusted at every fifth anniversary of the note to the rate specified in Item 7) of this subparagraph; 21 7) the yield on the state's participation interest shall in no 22 23 case be less than the greater of the then-prevailing yield on United States treasury securities of five-year maturity plus two 24 25 and one-half percent or the yield received by the lending

institution calculated exclusive of servicing fees; 8) if payment of principal or interest has not been made within one hundred eighty days from the due date, unless extended pursuant to agreement between the originating institution and the state investment officer, the originating institution shall buy back the state's participation interest in the loan, substitute another qualifying loan or begin foreclosure proceedings; and 9) if foreclosure proceedings are commenced, the state and the originating institution shall share in proportion to their participation interest, as provided in this subparagraph, in the legal and other foreclosure expenses and in any loss incurred as a result of a foreclosure sale:

(b) a standardized participation agreement, the form of which shall be approved by the attorney general's office, shall be executed between the investment office and each eligible originating institution. The participation agreement shall provide that the originating institution shall not assign its interest in any loan covered by the agreement without the prior written consent of the state investment officer:

- (c) a formal forward commitment program may be instituted by the state investment officer with the approval of the council;
- (d) the council shall adopt regulations:
- 1) defining passive investments; 2) establishing underwriting

guidelines; 3) ensuring diversification across a variety of types of collateral, types of businesses and regions of the state; and 4) providing for the review by the state investment officer of servicing and other fees that may be charged by the eligible institution;

- (e) eligible institutions include banks,savings and loan associations and credit unions operating in the state; and
- (f) real property is defined as land and attached buildings, but excludes all interests that may be secured by a security interest under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, and mineral resource values.
- B. The collateral required for either of the forms of investment specified in Paragraph (8) or (9) of Subsection A of this section shall be delivered to the state fiscal agent or its designee contemporaneously with the transfer of funds or delivery of the securities, at the earliest time industry practice permits, but in all cases settlement shall be on a same-day basis.
- C. Neither of the contracts specified in Paragraph (8) or (9) of Subsection A of this section shall be invested in unless the contracting bank, brokerage firm or recognized institutional investor has a net worth in excess of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) or is a primary broker or primary dealer."

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1996.

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Mr. Speaker:

Your **TAXATION AND REVENUE COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

February 2, 1996

HOUSE BILL 335

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

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- 2. On page 6, line 7, after "invested" insert "at any given time".
- 3. On page 6, line 10, after "invested" insert "at any given time".,

and thence referred to the **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

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