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HOUSE BILL 573

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

G. X. MCSHERRY

AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER, AMENDING SECTION 73-2-66 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1993, CHAPTER 293, SECTION 2) TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF THE ACEQUIA COMMISSION; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 73-2-66 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 293, Section 2) is amended to read:

"73-2-66. POWERS AND DUTIES. -- The acequia commission shall:

A. provide advice and assist the governor, legislature, office of the state engineer and interstate stream commission and the United States army corps of engineers in establishing acequia and community ditch rehabilitation priorities and in other acequia and community ditch matters;

B. serve as a facilitator for communication between

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1 acequia and community ditch associations and state and federal  
2 agencies; ~~and~~

3 C. review and comment on any plan or legislation  
4 affecting acequias or community ditches to the governor, the  
5 legislature, the secretary of agriculture and the interstate  
6 stream commission;

7 D. conduct educational forums for the public on the  
8 history and cultural importance of New Mexico's acequias; and

9 E. provide information to the acequia association on  
10 state and federal funds and programs beneficial to the  
11 acequias. "

12 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- Fifty thousand dollars  
13 (\$50,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the local  
14 government division of the department of finance and  
15 administration for expenditure in fiscal year 1998 by the  
16 acequia commission for the purpose of carrying out the  
17 commission's powers and duties. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
18 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1998 shall revert to  
19 the general fund.

**State of New Mexico**  
**House of Representatives**

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**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION, 1997**

**March 1, 1997**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE,**  
**to whom has been referred**

**HOUSE BILL 573**

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

- 1. On page 2, line 9, strike "association" and insert**  
**"associations",**  
**and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE**  
**COMMITTEE.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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G. X. McSherry, Chairman

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Johnson, Townsend

Absent: None

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