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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; AMENDING,
REPEALING AND ENACTING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 9-15-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1983,
Chapter 297, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"9-15-1. SHORT TITLE. -- [~~Sections 9-15-1 through 9-15-15]~~
Chapter 9, Article 15 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Economic
Development Department Act". "

Section 2. Section 9-15-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1983,
Chapter 297, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"9-15-2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE. --

A. The legislature finds that a need exists for
economic diversification in the state in order to protect
against dramatic changes in the state's economy and to increase

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1 revenues to help state government finance the various services
2 it provides to the state's communities and citizens.

3 B. The legislature further finds that the goal of
4 economic development and diversification can best be
5 accomplished by creating a cabinet-level department [~~which~~] that
6 will be concerned solely with the areas of economic development
7 and diversification and business recruitment, expansion and
8 retention.

9 C. The purpose of the Economic Development
10 Department Act is to create a cabinet-level department in order
11 to:

12 (1) provide a coordinated statewide perspective
13 with regard to economic development activities;

14 [~~(2) provide a data base for local and regional~~
15 ~~economic development groups and serve as a comprehensive source~~
16 ~~of information and assistance to businesses wishing to locate or~~
17 ~~expand in New Mexico;~~

18 [~~(3) actively encourage new economic enterprises~~
19 ~~to locate in New Mexico and assist existing businesses to~~
20 ~~expand;~~]

21 (2) assist in gathering information on local
22 and regional assets;

23 (3) assist in the establishment of procedures
24 for handling potential clients;

25 (4) monitor the progress of state-supported

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1 economic development activities and prepare annual reports of
2 such activities, their status and their impact;

3 (5) create and encourage methods designed to
4 provide rapid economic diversification development that will
5 create new employment opportunities for the citizens of the
6 state, including the issuance of grants and loans to
7 municipalities and counties for economic enhancement projects;

8 [~~(6) provide for technology commercialization~~
9 ~~projects as an incentive to industry locating or expanding in~~
10 ~~the state;~~

11 ~~(7) support technology transfer programs;~~

12 ~~(8) promote New Mexico as a technology~~
13 ~~conference center;~~

14 ~~(9) promote and market federal and state~~
15 ~~technology commercialization programs;~~

16 ~~(10) develop and implement enhanced statewide~~
17 ~~procurement programs; and~~

18 ~~(11) provide support and assistance in the~~
19 ~~creation and operation of development finance mechanisms such as~~
20 ~~business development corporations and the industrial and~~
21 ~~agricultural finance authorities in order to insure capital~~
22 ~~availability for business expansion and economic~~
23 ~~diversification.]~~

24 (6) assist in the development of a plan for the
25 expansion of the local regional economic base;

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1 (7) assist in the establishment of programs to
2 attract new labor forces or training local labor forces;

3 (8) identify barriers to local or regional
4 economic development and develop plans to overcome such
5 barriers;

6 (9) promote investment by private sector in the
7 state; and

8 (10) provide support and assistance in the
9 creation and operation of development finance mechanisms such as
10 business development corporations and the New Mexico industrial
11 and agricultural finance authority in order to ensure capital
12 availability for business expansion and economic
13 diversification. "

14 Section 3. Section 9-15-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1983,
15 Chapter 297, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

16 "9-15-4. DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED. --There is created in the
17 executive branch the "economic development department". The
18 department shall be a cabinet department and shall consist of,
19 but not be limited to, [~~seven~~] six divisions as follows:

- 20 A. the administrative services division;
- 21 B. the economic development division;
- 22 C. the New Mexico film division;
- 23 D. the science and technology [~~enterprise~~] division;
- 24 E. the trade division; and
- 25 [F. ~~the state housing authority; and~~

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1 6.] E. the [office for] space commercialization
2 division. "

3 Section 4. Section 9-15-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1983,
4 Chapter 297, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

5 "9-15-5. SECRETARY [~~OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT~~
6 ~~DEPARTMENT~~]- - APPOINTMENT. - - The chief executive and
7 administrative officer of the department is the "secretary of
8 economic development". The secretary shall be appointed by the
9 governor with the consent of the senate. The secretary shall
10 hold that office at the pleasure of the governor and shall serve
11 in the executive cabinet [~~provided, however, that the secretary~~
12 ~~appointed to serve as the secretary of economic development and~~
13 ~~tourism and whose appointment has been confirmed by the senate~~
14 ~~may serve as the secretary of the economic development~~
15 ~~department at the pleasure of the governor and without further~~
16 ~~confirmation~~]. "

17 Section 5. Section 9-15-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1983,
18 Chapter 297, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

19 "9-15-6. SECRETARY - - DUTIES AND GENERAL POWERS. - -

20 A. The secretary is responsible to the governor for
21 the operation of the department. It is his duty to manage all
22 operations of the department and to administer and enforce the
23 laws with which he or the department is charged.

24 B. To perform his duties, the secretary has every
25 power expressly enumerated in the laws, whether granted to the

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1 secretary or the department or any division of the department,
2 except where authority conferred upon any division is explicitly
3 exempted from the secretary's authority by statute. In
4 accordance with these provisions, the secretary shall:

5 (1) except as otherwise provided in the
6 Economic Development Department Act, exercise general
7 supervisory and appointing authority over all department
8 employees, subject to any applicable personnel laws and
9 regulations;

10 (2) delegate authority to subordinates as he
11 deems necessary and appropriate, clearly delineating such
12 delegated authority and the limitations thereto;

13 (3) organize the department into those
14 organizational units he deems will enable it to function most
15 efficiently;

16 (4) within the limitations of available
17 appropriations and applicable laws, employ and fix the
18 compensation of those persons necessary to discharge his duties;

19 (5) take administrative action by issuing
20 orders and instructions, not inconsistent with the law, to
21 assure implementation of and compliance with the provisions of
22 law for whose administration or execution he is responsible and
23 to enforce those orders and instructions by appropriate
24 administrative action in the courts;

25 (6) conduct research and studies that will

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1 improve the operations of the department and the provision of
2 services to the citizens of the state;

3 (7) provide for courses of instruction and
4 practical training for employees of the department and other
5 persons involved in the administration of programs, with the
6 objective of improving the operations and efficiency of
7 administration;

8 (8) prepare an annual budget of the department
9 based upon the five-year economic development plan approved by
10 the commission. The economic development plan shall be updated
11 and approved annually by the commission;

12 (9) provide cooperation, at the request of
13 heads of administratively attached agencies, in order to:

14 (a) minimize or eliminate duplication of
15 services;

16 (b) coordinate activities and resolve
17 problems of mutual concern; and

18 (c) resolve by agreement the manner and
19 extent to which the department shall provide budgeting,
20 recordkeeping and related clerical assistance to
21 administratively attached agencies;

22 (10) appoint a "director" for each division.
23 These appointed positions are exempt from the provisions of the
24 Personnel Act. Persons appointed to these positions shall serve
25 at the pleasure of the secretary;

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1 (11) give bond in the penal sum of twenty-five
2 thousand dollars (\$25,000) and require directors to each give
3 bond in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)
4 conditioned upon the faithful performance of duties, as provided
5 in the Surety Bond Act. The department shall pay the costs of
6 these bonds; and

7 (12) require performance bonds of such
8 department employees and officers as he deems necessary, as
9 provided in the Surety Bond Act. The department shall pay the
10 costs of these bonds.

11 C. The secretary may apply for and receive in the
12 name of the department any public or private funds, including
13 [~~but not limited to~~] United States government funds, available
14 to the department to carry out its programs, duties or services.

15 D. The secretary may make and adopt such reasonable
16 and procedural rules and regulations as may be necessary to
17 carry out the duties of the department and its divisions. No
18 rule or regulation promulgated by the director of any division
19 in carrying out the functions and duties of the division shall
20 be effective until approved by the secretary unless otherwise
21 provided by statute. Unless otherwise provided by statute, no
22 regulation affecting any person or agency outside the department
23 shall be adopted, amended or repealed without a public hearing
24 on the proposed action before the secretary or a hearing officer
25 designated by him. The public hearing shall be held in Santa Fe

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1 unless otherwise permitted by statute. Notice of the subject
2 matter of the regulation, the action proposed to be taken, the
3 time and place of the hearing, the manner in which interested
4 persons may present their views and the method by which copies
5 of the proposed regulation, proposed amendment or repeal of an
6 existing regulation may be obtained shall be published once at
7 least thirty days prior to the hearing date in a newspaper of
8 general circulation and mailed at least thirty days prior to the
9 hearing date to all persons who have made a written request for
10 advance notice of hearing. All rules and regulations shall be
11 filed in accordance with the State Rules Act."

12 Section 6. Section 9-15-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1983,
13 Chapter 297, Section 10, as amended) is amended to read:

14 "9-15-10. ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS OF DEPARTMENT-- POWERS AND
15 DUTIES SPECIFIED BY LAW - ACCESS TO INFORMATION. -- Those
16 organizational units of the department and the officers of those
17 units specified by law shall have all of the powers and duties
18 enumerated in the specific laws involved. However, the carrying
19 out of those powers and duties shall be subject to the direction
20 and supervision of the secretary, and he shall retain the final
21 decision-making authority and responsibility for the
22 administration of any such laws as provided in Subsection B of
23 Section 9-15-6 NMSA 1978. The department shall have access to
24 all records, data and information of other state departments,
25 agencies and institutions, including its own organizational

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1 units, not specifically held confidential by law. Any
2 information obtained by the department that is deemed by the
3 secretary to be proprietary technical or business information
4 shall be held in confidence. Proprietary technical or business
5 information shall not be deemed a public record pursuant to the
6 Public Records Act or be open to inspection pursuant to Section
7 14-2-1 NMSA 1978. The department shall take such steps as are
8 necessary to safeguard the confidentiality of the information."

9 Section 7. Section 9-15-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1988,
10 Chapter 81, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

11 "9-15-11. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CREATED--
12 MEMBERSHIP--ADMINISTRATIVELY ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.--

13 A. The "economic development commission" is created.
14 The commission shall be a planning commission administratively
15 attached to the [economic development] department. The
16 commission shall provide advice to the department on policy
17 matters. The commission shall be responsible for the annual
18 approval and update of the state's five-year economic
19 development plan. The commission shall consist of [seven] eight
20 members who shall be qualified electors of the state [of New
21 ~~Mexico~~], no more than four of whom at the time of their
22 appointment shall be members of the same political party and at
23 least one of whom shall be a Native American. Members shall be
24 appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. [Two
25 ~~members shall be appointed from each of the three congressional~~

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1 ~~districts. The seventh member shall be the governor's "science~~
2 ~~advisor", hereby named. The governor's science advisor shall~~
3 ~~advise the governor on matters relating to science and~~
4 ~~technology, technological innovation, technical excellence,~~
5 ~~technology-based new business development, research and~~
6 ~~development and other science and technology projects conducted~~
7 ~~at research institutes and institutions of higher education~~
8 ~~throughout the state, with emphasis on commercialization of such~~
9 ~~projects and technology transfer for economic development~~
10 ~~purposes.] Seven members shall be appointed from their~~
11 ~~respective planning districts, and the eighth member shall be a~~
12 ~~Native American and represent the interests of the Indian tribes~~
13 ~~and pueblos.~~

14 B. Appointments shall be made for [seven-year] five-
15 year terms expiring on January 1 of the appropriate year.
16 Commission members shall serve staggered terms as determined by
17 the governor at the time of their initial appointment.
18 Annually, the governor shall designate a chairman of the
19 commission from among the members.

20 C. The commission shall meet at the call of the
21 chairman, not less than once each quarter, and shall invite
22 representatives of appropriate legislative committees, other
23 state agencies and interested persons to its meetings for the
24 purpose of information exchange and coordination.

25 D. Commission members shall not vote by proxy. A

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1 majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the conduct of
2 business.

3 E. Members of the commission shall not be removed
4 except for incompetence, neglect of duty or malfeasance in
5 office; provided, however, no removal shall be made without
6 notice of hearing and an opportunity to be heard having first
7 been given the member being removed. The senate shall be given
8 exclusive original jurisdiction over proceedings to remove
9 members of the commission [~~under such rules as it may~~
10 ~~promulgate~~]. The senate's decision in connection with such
11 matters shall be final. A vacancy in the membership of the
12 commission occurring other than by expiration of term shall be
13 filled in the same manner as the original appointment, but for
14 the unexpired term only.

15 F. Commission members shall not be paid, but shall
16 receive per diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and
17 Mileage Act. "

18 Section 8. A new section of the Economic Development
19 Department Act is enacted to read:

20 "[NEW MATERIAL] ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION--CREATED--
21 DUTIES.--The "economic development division" is created as a
22 division of the department. The division shall:

23 A. actively encourage new economic enterprises to
24 locate in New Mexico and assist existing business to expand;

25 B. provide a database for local and regional

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1 economic development groups and serve as a comprehensive source
2 of information and assistance to businesses wishing to locate or
3 expand in New Mexico;

4 C. serve as staff to the governor's rural economic
5 development council;

6 D. serve as lead agency in the coordination of the
7 census program at the state data center;

8 E. promote Indian economic potential and establish a
9 business mentor program to enhance Indian business exports; and

10 F. assist New Mexico communities to enhance their
11 ability to attract economic development through main street,
12 enterprise zone, retention and expansion and rural readiness
13 programs. "

14 Section 9. A new section of the Economic Development
15 Department Act is enacted to read:

16 "NEW MATERIAL] ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT BUREAU-- CREATED--
17 DUTIES. --

18 A. The "enterprise development bureau" is created in
19 the economic development division. The bureau shall:

20 (1) serve as the state's primary source of
21 business information regarding licensing, permitting and
22 taxation requirements and procedures and other matters relevant
23 to business and economic development;

24 (2) develop and maintain a comprehensive
25 statewide business information database and referral service;

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1 (3) establish a mechanism for advertising the
2 existence of the bureau and its referral service;

3 (4) establish a reporting procedure to monitor
4 the success of the referral service; and

5 (5) provide professional assistance to
6 businesses involved in state licensing, permitting and taxation
7 procedures.

8 B. The secretary shall develop a budget for the
9 bureau and hire a chief and other staff as necessary to carry
10 out the provisions of this section. "

11 Section 10. Section 9-15-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991,
12 Chapter 21, Section 21) is amended to read:

13 "9-15-16. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY [~~ENTERPRISE~~] DIVISION
14 ~~CREATED.~~ -- The "science and technology [~~enterprise~~] division" is
15 created as a division of the [~~economic development~~] department.

16 The division shall:

17 A. enhance the business climate to encourage the
18 start-up, relocation, development and growth of science- and
19 technology-based industry in New Mexico;

20 B. promote an expanded, diversified science- and
21 technology-based economy, emphasizing areas that:

22 (1) derive from the state's scientific and
23 technological strengths;

24 (2) provide a commercial advantage;

25 (3) lend themselves to a distributed science-

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1 and technology-based industry network; and

2 (4) [~~utilize~~] use imaginative state, federal
3 and private partnerships; and

4 C. attain sufficient levels of human, financial and
5 physical resources to support in-state industries and attract
6 new industries to New Mexico. "

7 Section 11. Section 9-15-17 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991,
8 Chapter 21, Section 22) is amended to read:

9 "9-15-17. DIRECTOR--DUTIES.--The director of the science
10 and technology [~~enterprise~~] division is responsible for the
11 overall supervision of the division [~~in accordance with the~~
12 ~~provisions of Section 9-15-16 NMSA 1978~~] and shall serve as the
13 governor's science adviser. The governor's science adviser shall
14 advise the governor on matters related to science, technology,
15 education and economic development. In addition, the director
16 shall:

17 A. formulate and submit to the commission a five-
18 year state science and technology development plan;

19 B. develop and be responsible for the operating and
20 capital budgets of the division;

21 C. develop agreements with federal research,
22 development, testing and evaluating organizations and
23 universities to facilitate the transfer and commercialization of
24 technology;

25 D. recommend to the secretary proposed projects and

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1 contracts in accordance with the policies, procedures and
2 guidelines established by the department;

3 E. subject to the approval of the secretary, apply
4 for and accept any federal funds or grants and private
5 donations;

6 F. develop requests for proposals in science and
7 technology commercialization areas given priority by the
8 commission in the state's economic development [~~and tourism~~]
9 plan; receive and refer with commentary to the secretary
10 proposals submitted in response to requests for proposals;
11 confer with research investigators to assist them when needed;
12 monitor progress on state-funded research and development
13 projects; maintain contact with research and development offices
14 of the universities, federal laboratories and private research
15 operations; and receive reports of individual projects;

16 G. prepare an annual report on:

17 (1) the status of the [~~technology enterprise~~]
18 division;

19 (2) the status of ongoing research and
20 development projects;

21 (3) the results obtained from completed
22 projects and the dissemination of those results; and

23 (4) other activities of the division;

24 H. maintain and update records on the status of all
25 completed and ongoing projects;

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1 I. request from each entity under contract with the
2 division a detailed description of tasks and associated budgets
3 for review and approval by the commission; and

4 J. perform such other duties as are assigned to him
5 by the secretary [~~in order to further the purposes of Section~~
6 ~~9-15-17 NMSA 1978~~]. "

7 Section 12. Section 9-15-31 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1988,
8 Chapter 80, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "9-15-31. DIRECTOR--DUTIES.--The director of the trade
10 division of the department is responsible for the overall
11 supervision of the division's activities [~~in accordance with the~~
12 ~~purposes of Sections 9-15-28 through 9-15-34 NMSA 1978~~]. In
13 addition, the director shall:

14 A. work with individuals and organizations outside
15 of state government to formulate a trade promotion plan for
16 inclusion in the department's five-year economic development
17 [~~and tourism~~] plan;

18 B. establish and annually update the New Mexico
19 trade registry of New Mexico businesses and the products and
20 services they offer to consumers;

21 C. develop and maintain a database of trade
22 opportunities;

23 D. work with individuals and organizations outside
24 of state government to promote New Mexico trade; and

25 E. prepare an annual report on the activities of the

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1 division. "

2 Section 13. Section 9-15-43 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
3 Chapter 127, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

4 "9-15-43. DEFINITIONS. -- As used in [~~the Spaceport~~
5 ~~Development Act~~] Sections 9-15-43 through 9-15-47 NMSA 1978:

6 A. "commission" means the [~~spaceport~~] space
7 commission;

8 [~~B. "department" means the economic development~~
9 ~~department;~~

10 ~~E.]~~ B. "director" means the director of the [~~office~~
11 ~~for~~] space commercialization division;

12 C. "division" means the space commercialization
13 division;

14 D. "secretary" means the secretary of economic
15 development; [~~and~~]

16 E. "space" means any location beyond altitudes of
17 sixty thousand feet above the earth's mean sea level; and

18 [~~E.]~~ F. "spaceport" means an installation and
19 related facilities [~~utilized~~] used for the launching, landing,
20 recovery, servicing and monitoring of vehicles capable of
21 entering or returning from space. "

22 Section 14. Section 9-15-44 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
23 Chapter 127, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

24 "9-15-44. [~~OFFICE FOR~~] SPACE COMMERCIALIZATION DIVISION
25 CREATED-- DUTIES OF DIRECTOR. --

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1 A. The "[~~office for~~] space commercialization
2 division" is created as a division in the department.

3 B. The duties of the [~~office for space~~
4 ~~commercialization~~] division shall be discharged by a director,
5 who shall be hired by the secretary.

6 C. The director shall:

7 (1) employ such other staff as is necessary to
8 carry out the work of the [~~office for space commercialization~~]
9 division and the commission and the purposes of [~~the Spaceport~~
10 ~~Development Act~~] Sections 9-15-43 through 9-15-47 NMSA 1978;

11 (2) discharge the responsibilities of the
12 [~~office for space commercialization~~] division in accordance with
13 the policies established and approved by the secretary;

14 (3) administer federally funded grants for the
15 purpose of determining the feasibility of developing and
16 operating a regional spaceport and other space
17 development-related activities in the state;

18 (4) manage all aspects of the spaceport
19 program;

20 (5) coordinate the promotion and marketing of
21 space-related resources of New Mexico and a regional spaceport;

22 (6) serve as the interface between New Mexico
23 and national and international users of the regional spaceport;

24 (7) schedule user mission support with other
25 elements of the regional spaceport;

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1 (8) develop a comprehensive inventory of New
2 Mexico's space-related assets;

3 (9) cooperate with the commission in performing
4 tasks necessary to establish the criteria for overflight; and

5 (10) support the commission in executing the
6 tasks approved by the secretary."

7 Section 15. Section 9-15-45 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
8 Chapter 127, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "9-15-45. COMMISSION CREATED--MEMBERSHIP.--

10 A. The "[~~spaceport~~] space commission" is created.
11 The commission is administratively attached to the department.

12 B. The commission is composed of up to eleven voting
13 members. Three members shall be ex officio and [~~four~~] all
14 others shall be appointed by the governor. The ex-officio
15 members are the secretary, the [~~secretary of finance and~~
16 ~~administration~~] governor's science adviser and the lieutenant
17 governor. In selecting the appointed members of the commission,
18 the governor shall appoint at least three members knowledgeable
19 of [~~the~~] government and commercial space [~~industry~~] activities.
20 One member shall be a resident of Sierra county, one member
21 shall be a representative of a federal space development project
22 in the state and one member shall be a representative of one of
23 the state's national laboratories.

24 C. Appointed members of the commission shall serve
25 for terms of three years; provided, when making his initial

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1 appointments, the governor shall appoint one member to a term of
2 one year, two members to terms of two years and [~~three~~] two
3 members to terms of three years.

4 D. The governor shall appoint a chairman of the
5 commission from among the appointed members. Other necessary
6 officers shall be elected by the commission from among its
7 membership.

8 E. Commission members shall meet at the call of the
9 chairman, not less than four times a year. Meetings shall be
10 conducted in different geographic locations in the state on an
11 alternating basis.

12 F. Members of the commission appointed by the
13 governor [~~of the state of New Mexico~~] shall be reimbursed for
14 per diem and mileage pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act,
15 but shall not receive any other compensation, perquisite or
16 allowance. "

17 Section 16. Section 9-15-46 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1994,
18 Chapter 127, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

19 "9-15-46. COMMISSION--POWERS--DUTIES.--The commission
20 shall:

21 A. in cooperation with the [~~office for space~~
22 ~~commercialization~~] division, promote [~~spaceport~~] the development
23 of a spaceport and other space-related activities in the state;

24 B. advise the secretary on methods for soliciting
25 and accepting, on behalf of the state, federal, state, local and

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1 private funds for the purpose of developing, constructing,
2 maintaining and operating a regional spaceport and other space
3 development-related projects;

4 C. act in an advisory capacity to the secretary on
5 matters that pertain to the development and operation of [~~the~~
6 ~~regional spaceport~~] space development projects;

7 D. advise the secretary on methods for providing for
8 the development, construction and acceptance of a regional
9 spaceport; and

10 E. report annually to the governor and the
11 legislature on the status of the [~~regional spaceport and other~~
12 ~~space-related~~] space development-related activities and projects
13 undertaken by the commission. "

14 Section 17. A new section of the Economic Development
15 Department Act is enacted to read:

16 "[NEW MATERIAL] NEW MEXICO FILM DIVISION--CREATED--
17 DUTIES.--The "New Mexico film division" is created as a division
18 of the department. The division shall promote and facilitate
19 location productions by:

20 A. promoting New Mexico's communities and their
21 resources to potential domestic and international production
22 companies;

23 B. establishing a database of New Mexico business
24 and personnel relevant to the film industry; and

25 C. fostering and supporting the recruitment,

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1 retention and expansion of film-related businesses in the
2 state. "

3 Section 18. A new section of the Economic Development
4 Department Act is enacted to read:

5 "[NEW MATERIAL] NEW MEXICO FILM DIVISION DIRECTOR--
6 DUTIES.--The director of the New Mexico film division of the
7 department is responsible for the overall supervision of the
8 division's activities. In addition, the director shall:

9 A. develop and maintain a network of community-
10 appointed volunteers to aid in further promoting New Mexico's
11 communities and regions for location production;

12 B. establish and maintain a photographic library of
13 potential location sites statewide;

14 C. produce and disseminate collateral materials for
15 the promotion of location production; and

16 D. prepare an annual report on the activities of the
17 division. "

18 Section 19. REPEAL.--Sections 9-15-7.1, 9-15-18, 9-15-29
19 and 9-15-32 through 9-15-42 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1983, Chapter
20 296, Section 21, Laws 1991, Chapter 21, Section 23, Laws 1988,
21 Chapter 80, Section 3, Laws 1989, Chapter 205, Sections 1
22 through 3, Laws 1991, Chapter 27, Sections 1 and 2, Laws 1993,
23 Chapter 211, Sections 1 through 5 and also by Laws 1993, Chapter
24 216, Sections 1 through 5 and Laws 1994, Chapter 127, Section 1,
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Section 20. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1997.

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