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SENATE BILL 644

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

INTRODUCED BY

PHIL A. GRIEGO

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.

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6 February 18, 1997
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8 Mr. President:
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10 Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
16 FINANCE COMMITTEE.
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24 Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 5 For 2 Against
Yes: 5
No: Davis, Payne
Excused: Kysar, Lyons, Tsosie
Absent: None

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