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HOUSE BILL 427

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Jose R. Abeyta

AN ACT

CREATING A JOINT INTERIM LEGISLATIVE LAND GRANT COMMITTEE;  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. LAND GRANT COMMITTEE CREATED. --

TERMINATION. -- The "land grant committee" is created as a joint interim legislative committee. The committee shall function from the date of its appointment until the first day of December prior to the first session of the forty-fifth legislature.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP-- APPOINTMENT-- VACANCIES. --

A. The land grant committee shall be composed of eight members. The New Mexico legislative council shall appoint four members from the house of representatives and four members from the senate. At the time of making the

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1 appointment, the legislative council shall designate the  
2 chairman and vice chairman of the committee.

3 B. Members shall be appointed from each house so  
4 as to give the two major political parties in each house the  
5 same proportionate representation on the committee as prevails  
6 in each house; however, in no event shall either party have  
7 less than one member from each house on the committee. At the  
8 request of the committee chairman, members may be removed from  
9 the committee by the New Mexico legislative council for  
10 nonattendance according to council policy. Vacancies on the  
11 committee, however caused, may be filled by the legislative  
12 council, or the council may reduce the size of the committee  
13 by not making replacement appointments and in such case need  
14 not readjust party representation.

15 C. No action shall be taken by the committee if a  
16 majority of the total membership from either house on the  
17 committee rejects such action.

18 Section 3. DUTIES.--After its appointment, the land  
19 grant committee shall hold one organizational meeting to  
20 develop a work plan and budget for the ensuing interim. The  
21 work plan and budget shall be submitted to the New Mexico  
22 legislative council for approval. Upon approval of the work  
23 plan and budget by the legislative council, the committee  
24 shall:

25 A. examine the statutes, constitutional

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1 provisions, regulations and court decisions governing land  
2 grants in New Mexico;

3 B. gather testimony from land grant heirs from  
4 across New Mexico to acquire an understanding of the issues  
5 and concerns facing them; and

6 C. gather testimony from other community groups  
7 and state agencies to understand the relationship between land  
8 grant heirs and other property owners in New Mexico.

9 Section 4. SUBCOMMITTEES. --Subcommittees shall be  
10 created only by majority vote of all members appointed to the  
11 land grant committee and with the prior approval of the New  
12 Mexico legislative council. A subcommittee shall be composed  
13 of at least one member from the senate and one member from the  
14 house of representatives, and at least one member of the  
15 minority party shall be a member of the subcommittee. All  
16 meetings and expenditures of a subcommittee shall be approved  
17 by the full committee in advance of such meeting or  
18 expenditure, and the approval shall be shown in the minutes of  
19 the committee.

20 Section 5. REPORT. --The land grant committee shall make  
21 a report of its findings and legislative recommendations for  
22 the consideration of the first session of the forty-fifth  
23 legislature. The report and suggested legislation shall be  
24 made available to the New Mexico legislative council on or  
25 before December 15 preceding that session.



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8 Mr. Speaker:  
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10 Your JUDICIARY 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 APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

17 Respectfully submitted,  
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22 R. David Pederson, Chairman  
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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Luna, Sanchez

Absent: None

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