

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet



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Bill No: _____ Committee: _____

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Simple Title of Bill: Bill

1 BILL

2 **70TH SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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7 AN ACT

8 **RELATING TO IRRIGATION; WATER RIGHTS AND USES; ENVIRONMENTAL**

9 **IMPACT; THE ZIKA VIRUS; HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES; ENVIRONMENTAL**

10 **RENEWABLES; WATER CONSERVATION; RIO GRANDE PRESERVATION; ECONOMIC**

11 **IMPACT.**

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW

14 MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

1 Under the current archaic "Use it or Lose it" law New Mexico falls under sub-level qualities
2 of a precious commodity. A state riddled with generations of farming and ranching have
3 been forced to prolong the use of outdated techniques resulting in catastrophic loses.
4 Without water we are not able to grow and benefit from economic industries that require
5 water such as mining. Agriculture is being forced to continue the practice of outdated flood
6 irrigation techniques because if they were to transfer to a conservative technique of drip
7 system irrigation they would no longer use all the water they are legally amounted to use
8 and thus would lose all of their water rights. The current generations are now suffering from
9 an ownership of water but without the resource of water that can actually be provided to
10 them. We have been plunged into such a drought both environmentally and economically.
11 Due to the the neglect of the issue it has only increased the impact to a greater extent. This
12 issue has allowed for a breeding ground for the Zika Virus to become rampant throughout.
13 Our neglect has now caused a sickening downfall that has now not only effected the well
14 being of the citizens but their overall health. A proactive approach to overcoming and
15 resolving this problem in which to save our vital commodity for future generations and an
16 improvement in our economic status is necessary. Being in a desert means that water is
17 vital and has an impact on everything, growth in: population, economics, mining, gas, oil,
18 and schools. It will be impossible to sustain an economic growth or support our agricultural
19 environment successfully due to the currents laws that govern the use and distribution of
20 water. New Mexico needs to take a proactive approach not a reactive look by using
21 available science and agricultural techniques to be able to grow our best known
22 commodities, as well as being able to continue to uphold treaties in surrounding states and
23 countries. Failure to correct this major issue now will leave New Mexico as a barren waste
24 land because we are neglecting the impact of its benefit. New Mexico will become a shell of
25 its former beauty if it continues down this path.

1 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION- Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per acre is appropriated
2 from a general fund to be used in the time frame of five years. Any unexpected or
3 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the five years shall revert back to the
4 general fund.

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6 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New
7 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

8 Delayed Start - Update the date to reflect your bills start date.

9 The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after January 1, 2019.

