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Governor Bill Richardson, Board of Finance Approve Emergency Loan for Primary Election

SANTA FE – The Board of Finance, chaired by Governor Bill Richardson, voted today to approve an emergency loan funding of up to \$595,300 to the Secretary of State’s Office to help cover expenses related to the June 3 primary election.

“I am keeping my promise to the Secretary of State that we will work with her to ensure that her office has adequate resources and they are prepared to run a smooth primary election,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “The public expects fair and accurate election results in a timely manner – as they should.”

The Board of Finance has been working with the Secretary of State Mary Herrera and her staff to identify how the Board can supplement her efforts to prepare for the upcoming primary election. The emergency loan will help the Secretary of State cover the costs of election supplies, training for poll workers and judges, and voter information cards. The Secretary of State will be required to submit invoices to the Director of the Board of Finance before receiving any money.

“Amid expectations for a record voter turnout, it is important that the State do everything possible to instill confidence in the process and create a positive voting experience for New Mexico voters”, stated Board of Finance Member Roberta Cooper Ramo.

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