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**1923 LEGISLATION RATIFYING THE SEVEN-STATE
COMPACT**

NEW MEXICO

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CHAPTER 6

An Act ratifying and approving the Colorado River Compact

(H. B. No. 46; approved February 7, 1923)

Whereas the Legislature of New Mexico, by an Act approved March 11, 1921, entitled "An Act Providing for the Appointment of a Commissioner on Behalf of the State of New Mexico to Negotiate a Compact and Agreement Between the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, and between said States and the United States respecting the Use and Distribution of the Waters of the Colorado River and the Rights of Said States and the United States Thereto, and Making an Appropriation Therefor," appearing as Chapter 121 of the Session Laws of 1921, authorized the appointment of a Commissioner to represent the State of New Mexico upon a joint commission to be composed of Commissioners representing the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming and a representative of the United States of America, for the purpose of negotiating and entering into a compact or agreement respecting the utilization and disposition of the waters of the Colorado River; and

Whereas the representatives of said states on the 24th day of November 1922, at the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, signed a compact in accordance with the provisions of said Act, a copy whereof, duly certified by the Secretary of State of the United States, is now on file with the Secretary of this State, therefore;

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico:

SECTION 1. The State of New Mexico does hereby ratify, approve and adopt the compact aforesaid, which is as follows:

(Text of compact omitted to avoid duplication.)

SEC. 2. Notice of the approval of said compact shall be given by the Governor of New Mexico to the Governors of each of the other signatory States and to the President of the United States, as provided in Article II (11) of said compact.

SEC. 3. The ratification and approval of said compact by this State shall not be binding or obligatory until it shall have been likewise approved by the Legislatures of the other signatory States and by the Congress of the United States.

SEC. 4. That it is necessary for the preservation of the public peace and safety of the inhabitants of the State of New Mexico, that the provisions of this Act shall become effective at the earliest possible time, and therefore an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.