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505	AN ACT TO REVISE THE MEXICO WATER DISTRICT CHARTER	Perry E. Erwin	ENACT. P&S 32 (OTPA) REFERENDUM
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SUMMARY: Revises the charter by extending the territorial limit to the entire town. It also increases trustees compensation from \$200/yr to \$300/yr plus \$15/meeting (up to \$300 more). It adds a post-audit of the accounts and increases allowed payment to the sinking fund from a range of 1/2%-5% to a range of 1%-10%. Finally, it requires the trustees to choose a municipal official to serve as administrator, treasurer and clerk.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-35) modifies the relationship between the town and the district and adds a local referendum.

House Amendment "A" (H-35) technical.

529	AN ACT CONCERNING CABLE TELEVISION	Dutremble	CNTP
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SUMMARY: Would have established a Bureau of Community Antenna Television in the PUC to develop a state cable TV policy, assist municipalities (which would continue to issue franchises), and franchises.

541	AN ACT RELATING TO UTILITY STOCKHOLDERS	Michael Reeves C. Higgins	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: Would have required public utilities to supply PUC annually with a list of stockholders, and PUC to make that list available to the public.

542	AN ACT RELATING TO NEW INSTALLATIONS OF PAY TELEPHONES	Michael Reeves Jacques Nadeau	CNTP
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SUMMARY: Would have required all new or replacement pay telephones to allow emergency calls with no coin to "911", or in areas where 911 is not available, to "0".

614	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC UTILITIES FROM INCLUDING UNCOMPLETED CONSTRUCTION WORK COSTS IN THEIR RATES	Carpenter	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: Would have prohibited including the cost of "CWIP" (Construction-Work-in-Progress) in rate base or as an expense in the rates until the plant is actually providing service. Thus, the utility would have to finance the cost of construction by using its retained earnings, or by issuing bonds or stock.