State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

January 28, 2020

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 48

The Honorable Brian Egolf, Jr., Speaker of the House and 
Members of the House of Representatives 
State Capitol Building 
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Speaker Egolf and Members of the House:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B)(2) of the New Mexico Constitution, I am authorizing for your 
consideration during the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, Second Session, submission of House Bill 229, 
which provides a specific time frame for local public bodies to redistrict; revises requirements for 
voter registration at a voting location; revises the time frame for processing voter registrations after 
an election; requires county clerks to ask for a full social security number for certain voter 
registrations; revises the process for driver's license voter registration; revises certain requirements 
related to returning and handling mailed ballots and handling ballots; clarifies the order in which 
offices shall appear on ballots; reinstates the election of District Attorneys to the year in which the 
President of the United States is elected; reinstates the election of certain county officials in both 
general election cycles; clarifies counting and tallying procedures for paper ballots; revises post-
election canvassing duties; increases the time period in which the Secretary of State must respond 
to referendum petitions; and eliminates provisions in the Nonpartisan Judicial Retention Act 
regarding staggered terms for District Court judges and Metropolitan Court judges.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
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By [Signature]
Chief Clerk of the House