

Michelle Lujan Grisham Governor

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## 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

Governor

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