



# State of New Mexico

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*Governor*

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## SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 23

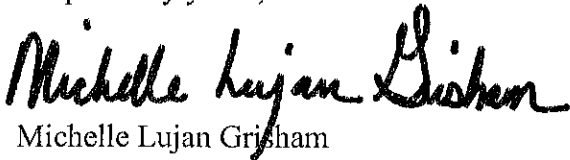
The Honorable Mimi Stewart, President Pro Tempore  
and Members of the New Mexico State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear President Pro Tempore Stewart and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B)(2) of the New Mexico Constitution, I am authorizing for your consideration during the Fifty-Fifth Legislature, Second Session, submission of a bill bearing Legislative Council Service drafting number .221175, a bill removing references to public regulation commissioner as an elected office throughout the Election Code; creating the Voter Education and Elections Task Force; specifying when the Inspection of Public Records Act applies to disclosures pursuant to the Election Code; amending and enacting definitions; creating an elections security program; requiring the use of forms approved by the Secretary of State; requiring service of process on the Secretary of State for election-related litigation; addressing qualifications of election board members; revising election board and messenger compensation; requiring training for challengers, watchers, and election observers; requiring voter convenience centers; providing for a program to reconcile voter registration lists; allowing for an electronic poll book alternative; adjusting voter registration processing procedures; amending requirements for registration at voting location prior to voting; revising procedures and requirements for mailed ballots, absentee ballots, and military overseas ballots; amending the Intimate Partner Violence Survivor Suffrage Act; adjusting time frames to fill a vacancy on the general election ballot; reinstating and amending the Primary Election Law; revising requirements for nominations and candidates; eliminating pre-primary convention designations; amending voting systems requirements; addressing ballot preparation; addressing maintenance of ballot boxes and monitored secured containers; correcting and prescribing the order of offices on ballots; requiring the sending of a notice of election; requiring the certification of voting machines; amending the election fund; directing the establishment of county election funds; addressing provisional ballots;

addressing the counting and disposition of paper ballots; addressing post-election duties; revising requirements for the impoundment of ballots, audits and recounts; amending the Presidential Primary Act; revising provisions related to filling a vacancy in the office of United States Representative; revising time frames for referendum petitions; amending the Campaign Reporting Act; recompiling a section authorizing legislative caucus committees into the Campaign Reporting Act; amending the legislative session fundraising prohibition; conforming the meanings of unlawful possession of keys and unlawful possession of absentee ballot; amending the crime of obstructing the polling place; amending the Local Election Act; amending the Lobbyist Regulation Act; providing requirements for municipalities to hold organizational meetings after new terms begin; amending the Public Improvement District Act; allowing only a governing body of a municipality or county to impose a property tax, subject to an election, or a special levy for purposes of that Act; authorizing the creation of an administrative committee pursuant to that Act; removing the option to impose a higher rate of property tax if approved by voters in the district; amending the Tax Increment for Development Act; allowing only a governing body to impose a property tax for purposes of that Act; authorizing the creation of an administrative committee pursuant to that Act; subjecting contracts entered into by a district board to the Procurement Code; amending the Audit Act to allow a government component unit to be audited separately from its primary government entity and to require that the component unit's audit be included in the primary government entity's audit; authorizing taxpayer information to be revealed to the Secretary of State for purposes of maintaining voter registration records; amending the Confidential Substitute Address Act; conforming provisions relating to certain special districts to the Local Election Act; providing for the election of local public bodies at large or from districts; revising election procedures and board of directors requirements for artesian conservancy districts, conservancy districts and soil and water conservation districts; amending the Conservancy Act of New Mexico; amending the Conservancy District-Reclamation Contract Act; amending the watershed district act; repealing the Public Policy Regarding Communism; making conforming and technical changes; amending, repealing, enacting, and recompiling various sections of the NMSA 1978; and repealing various session laws.

Respectfully yours,



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Governor

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By Lucille V. Martinez  
for Chief Clerk of the Senate