



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

January 25, 2022

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 28

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 SENATE BILL 8, a bill providing for a nominating petition electronic signature pilot program; allowing qualified residents who are sixteen years old to vote in local and municipal elections; allowing designation of a tribal government building as a qualified elector's mailing address; amending voter registration procedures and requirements; repealing and replacing the registration at voting location prior to voting provisions; providing for automatic voter registration; expanding online voter registration opportunities; allowing access to lists of eligible but unregistered individuals; providing that inmates are eligible to vote and register to vote upon release; creating a permanent absentee voter list; enacting the Native American Voting Rights Act to protect polling place access and address other election issues involving voters on Indian nation, tribal and pueblo land; clarifying procedures for the acceptance of voted mailed ballots; amending provisions for monitored secured containers; declaring the day of a statewide election a legal public holiday; declaring the day of a general election a school holiday; providing for a transfer from the Excess Extraction Taxes Suspense Fund to the State Election Fund; requiring a presidential elector to resign if the elector votes against the elector's party; providing requirements for the restoration of the right to hold an office of public trust; making conforming and various related technical changes; and amending, repealing and enacting various related sections of the NMSA 1978.

Respectfully yours,

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By *Florencia M. Sena*
Chief Clerk of the Senate