Election Day, and registered to vote, you may vote in this General Election. If you are a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older on Election Day, and registered to vote, you may vote in this General Election.

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How to Register to Vote
You must be registered to vote by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, to vote in this election. Voter registration applications are available online (at the County Clerks’ and Secretary of State’s websites) and at many public places including the County Clerk’s office, all public libraries and Motor Vehicle Division offices.

For Southern Tiwa language assistance please contact the County Clerk’s Office.

Valencia County Clerk
505-866-2073
444 Luna Ave. SE
Los Lunas, NM 87031
www.co.valencia.nm.us/235/county-clerk

How to Use This Guide
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How to Vote on Election Day
Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 6. You must be registered to vote by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, to vote on Election Day.

Precinct voting has been consolidated into Vote Convenience Centers. Information on your county’s Vote Convenience Center locations is available online through the Secretary of State’s office at www.nmvote.org or by contacting your County Clerk.

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Voter Identification
TO VOTE - When you go to vote in person, either Early Voting or on Election Day, you can choose to identify yourself by stating your name, year of birth, and registration address or presenting a physical form of identification such as

• a current and valid photo identification with or without an address
• or a document that shows your name and address (the address is not required to match your registration address) such as a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, student or tribal identification card or other government document

TO REGISTER - When you register to vote, identification is required only if you are registering for the first time in New Mexico and you are registering by mail. If you are registering by mail you can submit any current and valid photo ID, a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, student or tribal ID, or any other document that shows your name and current address with the registration form.

If you registered to vote by mail and did not provide a valid form of identification, then the first time you vote in New Mexico, either in person or absentee, you will need to show or submit one of the required forms of identification.
EARLY AND ABSENTEE VOTING

EARLY VOTING IN VALENCIA COUNTY
For Southern Tiwa language assistance please contact the County Clerk’s Office.

Abstentee In-Person Voting begins at the Valencia County Clerk’s Office – 444 Luna Ave., SE, Los Lunas on October 9. This location will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 3, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Early Voting at all other locations begins Saturday, October 20 through Saturday, November 3, 2018. Voting day and hours of operation are Tuesday - Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Early Voting sites:
Bosque Farms Library, 1455 Bosque Loop, Bosque Farms
Belen Community Center, 305 Eagle Lane, Belen
Valencia County Courthouse, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas

HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN VALENCIA COUNTY
Request a Ballot - By Phone - (505-866-2073), In person at the Valencia County Clerk’s Office or online at www.nmvote.org. Absentee ballot applications must be returned to the County Clerk by mail, in person or online. Absentee ballots will be mailed to qualified applicants beginning on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 and will continue through Friday, November 2, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Return your Absentee Ballot - You may return your completed absentee ballot by mail, in person to the County Clerk’s Office or on Election Day at any of the polling locations prior to 7:00 p.m.

Write-In Voting
You will be issued a provisional ballot if your name does not appear on the roster when voting in person during Early Voting or on Election Day or if you are a first-time voter who registered by mail and you did not provide the required identification.

Provisional Ballots
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Write-In Voting
Write-in voting is permitted on the paper ballot as long as the person you vote for is qualified as a write-in candidate. A write-in vote can only be counted if the name written in is the name of a declared write-in candidate and shows one of the following: two initials and last name; first name, middle initial or name and last name; first and last name; or full name.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ABSENTEE VOTING
• Any person qualified to vote may vote by absentee ballot.
• Absentee ballots delivered in person must be returned by the voter, a member of the voter’s immediate family, or a caregiver.
• If you apply for an absentee ballot and receive it, you must vote that ballot.

You will not be issued another ballot if the original ballot is destroyed, discarded, or delivered to the polls unvoted. If you apply for but do not receive the absentee ballot, you may go to the County Clerk’s office or to a Vote Convenience Center during regular voting hours and, after executing an Affidavit of Nonreceipt will be permitted to vote on a replacement ballot.

Voting Offenses
Voters must report voting offenses to the County Clerk, the District Attorney, or the Secretary of State. Voting offenses are –
• Any form of campaigning within 100 feet of a building containing a polling place on Election Day and within 100 feet of the door through which voters may enter to vote at any Early Voting site.
• Using or possessing or carrying alcoholic beverages within 200 feet of a polling place.
• False voting including voting or offering to vote when not qualified, voting in another’s name, voting more than once in a single election, or asking or helping another person to commit a voting offense.
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**CANDIDATES**

**FEDERAL OFFICES**

**UNITED STATES SENATOR**

- Represents New Mexico in the United States Senate, which has 100 members, two from each state. Candidates must be at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States for at least nine years, and a resident of the state from which elected. One New Mexico seat is up for election this year. Elected statewide for six-year staggered term. Salary: $174,000.

- **MARTIN T. HEINRICH**
  - Democrat
- **GARY E. JOHNSON**
  - Libertarian
- **MICK RICH**
  - Republican

**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE**

- Represents New Mexico in the United States House of Representatives, which has 435 members elected from districts based on population. New Mexico is entitled to three members. Candidates must be at least 25 years old, a United States citizen for seven years, and must be a resident of New Mexico. Elected by district for two-year term. Salary: $174,000.

- **XOCHITL TORRES SMALL**
  - Democrat
- **YVETTE HERRELL**
  - Republican

**NEW MEXICO STATE OFFICES**

**GOVERNOR**

- Head of the executive branch and the highest state official in New Mexico. Appoints and supervises directors of executive departments, appoints members of boards and commissions, and signs or vetoes statutes enacted by the Legislature. Must be at least 30 years old, a United States citizen, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: $110,000.

- **MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**
  - Democrat
- **STEVE PEARCE**
  - Republican

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

- Serves as Acting Governor when the Governor is out of the state, provides constituent services, presides over the New Mexico Senate and can vote in the event of a tie. In a general election the Lieutenant Governor is elected jointly with the Governor. Must be at least 30 years old, a United States citizen, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for the five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: $85,000.

- **HOWIE C. MORALES**
  - Democrat
- **MICHELLE GARCIA HOLMES**
  - Republican

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

- New Mexico's chief elections officer, overseeing the entire election process. Regulates lobbyist activity and reporting of campaign finances, and maintains records vital to commerce and industry in New Mexico. Must be at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: $85,000.

- **MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER**
  - Democrat
- **GINGER G. GRIDER**
  - Libertarian
- **GAVIN S. CLARKSON**
  - Republican

**STATE AUDITOR**

- Assures that the financial affairs of every state and local entity are thoroughly examined and audited each year and determines that such audits conducted by independent auditors are made in a competent manner. Must be at least 30 years old, a United States citizen, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: $85,000.

- **BRIAN S. COLÓN**
  - Democrat
- **WAYNE A. JOHNSON**
  - Republican
- **TIM EICHENBERG**
  - Democrat

**STATE TREASURER**

- Serves as the state’s banker and is entrusted with receiving, keeping, and disbursing state money; deposits funds in financial institutions to invest; and oversees the short-term investment fund. Must be at least 30 years old, a United States citizen, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: $85,000.

- **ARTHUR L. CASTILLO**
  - Democrat
- **MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER**
  - Republican

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

- The state’s legal officer, legal counsel to state government, and guardian of the public interest. Represents the state before courts or agencies and provides legal opinions upon request of the Legislature, state officials or district attorneys. Must be an attorney licensed by the New Mexico Supreme Court, at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for the five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: $95,000.

- **ATTORNEY GENERAL**
  - Democrat
- **STEVE PEARCE**
  - Republican
DISTRICT 6

Leads the State Land Office, which manages 9 million acres of land and 13 million acres of mineral rights held in trust to support public schools, universities, hospitals, charitable purposes and penitentiaries. Must be at least 30 years of age, a United States citizen, and have resided continuously in New Mexico for five years preceding his/her election. Four-year term with no more than two terms in succession. Salary: $90,000.

Hector Balderas
Democrat

A. Blair Dunn
Libertarian

Michael Eugene Hendricks
Republican

DISTRICT 6

Represents his/her district in the New Mexico House of Representatives, which has 70 members elected from districts based on population. Together with other representatives enacts "reasonable and appropriate" laws, represents constituents in the district and serves on standing or interim committees. Legislature meets for 60 days in odd-numbered years and 30 days in even-numbered years. Must be at least 21 years old and a resident of the district from which elected. Two-year term, no term limits. $161 per diem plus mileage.

Michael M. Chavez
Republican

New Mexico State Judicial Offices

Member of five-person commission that regulates the utilities, telecommunications and motor carrier industries. Also oversees pipeline and fire safety. Must be a citizen of the United States and reside in the district he/she represents. Must also certify that he/she has at least ten years of specified professional experience or combined professional experience and education in an area regulated by the commission. Elected by district. Four-year staggered term. Districts 2, 4, and 5 are up for election this year. Salary: $95,000.

Michael E. Vigil
Democrat

Gary L. Clingman
Republican

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Serves as one of five justices on the highest court in New Mexico. It is the court of last resort and has supervisory control over all lesser courts and attorneys licensed in the state. Required to hear appeals from the Public Regulation Commission, election challenges and criminal cases when a defendant is sentenced to the death penalty or life imprisonment. Has discretionary authority to review rulings of the Court of Appeals and questions of law certified to it by the Court of Appeals or federal court. Must be 35 years old, have practiced law for 10 years, and have resided in New Mexico for the last three years. Elected statewide for eight-year term. Salary: Chief Justice, $141,818; Associate Justice, $139,818.

Patrick H. Lyons
Republican

Stephanie Garcia Richard
Democrat

Michael G. Lucero
Libertarian

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSIONER

Judicial vacancies are filled through appointment by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by a judicial nominating committee. At the next regular election the judicial position is filled in a partisan election in which the appointed judge must participate and win the most votes to retain the seat. Judges serve for terms of a set number of years, after which they must win a 57% "yes" vote in retention elections to keep their seats.

Michael E. Vigil
Democrat

Gary L. Clingman
Republican

ATTORNEY GENERAL (continued)

New Mexico State Judicial Offices

DISTRICT 6

Student of the Supreme Court

Serves as one of ten judges on the intermediate court between the district courts and the Supreme Court. Judges sit in panels of three. Court reviews appeals in all cases, except criminal cases involving sentences of death or life imprisonment, appeals from the Public Regulation Commission, and cases involving habeas corpus. Must be 35 years old, have practiced law for 10 years, and have resided in New Mexico for the last three years. Elected statewide for eight-year term. Salary: Chief Judge, $134,727; Judge, $132,827.

Kristina Bogardus
Democrat

Stephen G. French
Republican

PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSIONER

Kristina Bogardus
Democrat

Position 1

Jacqueline R. Medina
Democrat

Stephan G. French
Republican

Position 2

Hank Bohnhoff
Republican
One of 67 judges in the state. There are 54 magistrate courts. Courts have limited jurisdiction, jury trials. Hear these types of cases: Tort, contract landlord/tenant rights up to $10,000, felony preliminary hearings, misdemeanor, DWI/DUI and other traffic violations. Must be at least 18 years of age, reside in the district from which elected, and have graduated from high school or attained the equivalent. Four-year term. Salary: $89,907.

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**PROBATE JUDGE**

Serves as one of 33 judges in the state. Court has limited jurisdiction, no jury trials. Hears cases of informal probate, uncontested estates. Must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the county from which elected. Four-year term. Salary: $23,028.

**JUDICIAL RETENTION**

Voters at a retention election may vote either “yes” or “no” for each individual judge for retention. To retain the office, a judge standing for retention must receive 57% “yes” votes of all the votes cast on the question of retention.

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**Division 2**

| JENNIE M. VALDEZ |
| Democrat |
| UNOPPOSED |

| JOHN R. CHAVEZ |
| Republican |
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**Division 3**

| JOHN W. ‘BUDDY’ SANCHEZ |
| Republican |
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**J. MILES HANISEE**
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 5 of the constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

“A. The “state ethics commission” is established as an independent state agency under the direction of seven commissioners, no more than three of whom may be members of the same political party, whose terms and qualifications shall be as provided by law. The governor shall appoint one commissioner. One commissioner each shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate, the minority floor leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the minority floor leader of the house of representatives, all as certified by the chief clerks of the respective chambers. Two commissioners, who shall not be members of the same political party, shall be appointed by the four legislatively appointed commissioners.

B. The state ethics commission may initiate, receive, investigate and adjudicate complaints alleging violations of, and issue advisory opinions concerning, standards of ethical conduct and reporting requirements as provided by law.

C. The state ethics commission may provide for the attendance of witnesses or the production of records and other evidence relevant to an investigation by subpoena as provided by law and shall have such other powers and duties as are necessary to further the purposes of the state ethics commission.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST Proposed Constitutional Amendment 2

1. New Mexico’s ethics laws are not coordinated now and are inconsistent across agencies.

2. NM is one of only 6 states without a state ethics commission.

3. Violations will be investigated by state, county, and municipal agencies. The legislature does not have the resources to do this.

SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

Constitutional Amendment 2 proposes establishing a state ethics commission with authority as provided by law over state officers and employees of the executive and legislative branches; candidates and other participants in elections; lobbyists; government contractors or seekers of government contracts; and possibly other areas. The commission would be empowered to require witnesses to appear or individuals to submit records and relevant evidence. The seven-member commission would also issue advisory opinions concerning standards of ethical conduct.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST Proposed Constitutional Amendment 2

1. A constitutional amendment is not necessary to create a state ethics commission. Under existing law, multiple state agencies already have oversight over ethics matters affecting their respective branches of government. Broadening or amending those agencies’ powers or duties to meet any new needs might be more efficient than creating another oversight entity.

2. Before the commission could function, the legislature would first have to pass laws granting the commission its powers and duties and setting the qualifications and terms of the commissioners.

3. A state ethics commission could duplicate efforts to combat unethical behavior already prohibited in law and could be costly. There have been several successful prosecutions of public officers and employees for violating laws governing ethics and conflict of interest. Improving current laws and enforcement procedures could be accomplished without the expense of creating a whole new agency.
2018 General Obligation Bonds and Taxes

A bond represents a debt for money borrowed by a government to finance capital improvement projects. The State of New Mexico promises to repay the amount borrowed, plus interest, over a period of time for each General Obligation bond that is approved by voters. The bonds are called “General Obligation” because payment of the debt service (principal plus interest) is a general obligation of the State and its property owners through property taxation. According to the Board of Finance Division of the NM Department of Finance and Administration, the specific amount of property taxes collected in a given year is attributable to a number of factors, including the amount of debt service required for existing general obligation bonds, the projected debt service required for the new bond issue, the latest assessed valuation of net taxable property, cash balances in bond debt service accounts, the date of issuance, and the actual interest rate obtained on the bond sale. Based on the assumption that all four bond issues will be passed by voters, the property tax year 2018 mil levy has been set at 1.36 mils, which is the same as the 2016 and 2017 rates. The State Board of Finance estimates that over a ten-year period, the four issues on the ballot would cost approximately $8.91 per $100,000 of asset value. Of the annual average $8.91, Bond Issue A accounts for $0.58, Bond Issue B accounts for $0.89, Bond Issue C accounts for $0.33, and Bond Issue D accounts for $7.31.

2018 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act

The New Mexico Legislature passed the 2018 Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act detailing projects that would be funded by these bonds. No bonds will be issued or sold under the act until the state’s registered voters have voted upon and approved the bonds. Each bond is voted upon separately with a “For” or “Against” question.

Summary: The four 2018 bond issues ask for voter approval to issue general obligation bonds as follows:
- Bond Issue A, in an amount not to exceed $10,770,000 to make capital expenditures for certain senior citizen facility improvements, construction, and equipment acquisition projects;
- Bond Issue B, in an amount not to exceed $12,876,000 to make capital expenditures for academic, public school, tribal, and public library resource acquisitions;
- Bond Issue C, in an amount not to exceed $6,137,000 to make capital expenditures for the purchase of school buses; and
- Bond Issue D, in an amount not to exceed $136,230,000 to make capital expenditures for certain higher education, special schools and tribal schools capital improvements and acquisitions.

The total for all four questions, including bond issuance costs, is $166,013,000. A complete breakdown of the designated projects under each bond issue can be found on the New Mexico Legislature’s website: https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/18%20Regular/final/SB0094.pdf.
The League of Woman Voters of New Mexico presents this special edition of the 2018 General Election Voter Guide.

The guide is produced by the League in coordination with the Native American Voting Task Force.

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Information Sources:
New Mexico Secretary of State’s Office
New Mexico Legislative Council Service
Board of Finance Division of the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration
Administrative Office of the Courts
Common Cause New Mexico
County Clerks’ staff and websites.