

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 672

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH AND SAFETY; ALLOWING FOR
VOTER REGISTRATION DURING EARLY VOTING IN STATEWIDE AND SPECIAL
ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AND
UPDATES TO VOTER REGISTRATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 1, Article 4 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] REGISTRATION AT VOTING LOCATION PRIOR TO
VOTING.--

A. Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 1-4-8
NMSA 1978 providing for the closing of registration prior to an
election, a qualified elector seeking to register to vote or
update an existing certificate of registration in the state
shall be allowed to do so at a voting location immediately

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1 before voting in that election as provided in this section.

2 B. During a statewide election, a qualified elector
3 may register to vote or update an existing certificate of
4 registration at the county clerk's office during the regular
5 hours and days of business beginning on the twenty-eighth day
6 preceding the election and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the
7 Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election;
8 provided that if the county clerk establishes an additional
9 alternate voting location near the clerk's office in lieu of
10 voting at the office of the county clerk, a qualified elector
11 may register to vote or update an existing certificate of
12 registration at that location during the regular hours and days
13 of business beginning on the twenty-eighth day preceding the
14 election and during the hours for voting at alternate voting
15 locations commencing on the third Saturday prior to the
16 election through the Saturday immediately prior to the
17 election.

18 C. During a statewide election, a qualified elector
19 may register to vote or update an existing certificate of
20 registration at an alternate voting location only if the county
21 clerk has assigned a county clerk employee to be the clerk's
22 authorized deputy to serve as a registration officer at the
23 alternate voting location; provided that ninety days before the
24 election, the county clerk shall post the location of each
25 alternate voting location where a qualified elector may

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1 register to vote or update an existing certificate of
2 registration immediately before voting.

3 D. During a special election, a qualified elector
4 may register to vote or update an existing certificate of
5 registration at the county clerk's office during the regular
6 hours and days of business beginning on the twenty-eighth day
7 preceding the election until the last regular business day the
8 week prior to the date of the election.

9 E. A qualified elector seeking to register to vote
10 or update an existing certificate of registration immediately
11 before voting shall provide a physical form of identification
12 as provided in Subsection A of Section 1-1-24 NMSA 1978. The
13 registration address shall match the address on a physical form
14 of identification provided at the voting location.

15 F. No later than June 30, 2021 and upon the
16 approval of the voting system certification committee, the
17 secretary of state and the secretary of taxation and revenue
18 shall develop a procedure for importing the list of eligible
19 but unregistered persons with a driver's license or
20 state-issued identification card into the voter registration
21 electronic management system prior to an election to facilitate
22 processing a new voter registration pursuant to this section."

23 SECTION 2. A new section of Chapter 1, Article 4 NMSA
24 1978 is enacted to read:

25 "[NEW MATERIAL] AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION; DRIVER'S

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1 LICENSE AND AGENCY REGISTRATION AND UPDATES TO REGISTRATION.--

2 A. In addition to the requirements of Section
3 1-4-47 NMSA 1978:

4 (1) a qualified elector registering to vote or
5 updating an existing certificate of registration when
6 conducting an in-person transaction to apply for or renew a
7 driver's license or state-issued identification card shall not
8 be required to provide a second time any information that
9 duplicates information required in the driver's license portion
10 of the transaction;

11 (2) the address of a voter who provides a
12 different address when conducting an in-person transaction to
13 apply for or renew a driver's license or state-issued
14 identification card shall be updated on the voter's certificate
15 of registration unless the voter declines to do so; and

16 (3) immediately at the conclusion of each in-
17 person transaction to apply for or renew a driver's license or
18 state-issued identification card, the person shall receive
19 written notification by the motor vehicle division of the
20 taxation and revenue department informing the person if a voter
21 registration transaction was processed, and if so, providing
22 information regarding any voter registration transaction
23 delivered to the county clerk by the motor vehicle division as
24 a result of that application for or renewal of a driver's
25 license or state-issued identification card.

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1 B. In addition to the requirements of Section
2 1-4-48 NMSA 1978:

3 (1) the human services department shall
4 develop procedures to be approved by the secretary of state to
5 ensure that each benefit program administered by the department
6 appropriately ensures that qualified electors receiving
7 benefits are offered the opportunity to register to vote or
8 update an existing certificate of registration without
9 duplication of information contained by the department or by
10 the secretary of state. No later than the last day of August
11 of each calendar year, the human services department shall
12 issue an annual report detailing implementation of the
13 requirements of this paragraph. The report shall be sent to
14 the legislative council service, the secretary of state and
15 each county clerk; and

16 (2) no later than June 30, 2020 and upon the
17 approval of the voting system certification committee, the
18 secretary of state and the secretary of taxation and revenue
19 shall develop a procedure for using the address provided as a
20 taxpayer to update the registration address of a voter who has
21 been identified as having moved from the voter's precinct of
22 residence pursuant to Section 1-4-48 NMSA 1978. The procedure
23 shall include a requirement of notification to the voter at
24 least one hundred twenty days before an election of the intent
25 to update the registration address and the ability for a voter

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1 to decline to permit the update to take effect."

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