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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**  
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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 30JAN2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HJR10 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero **Agency Name and Code:** 790 – Department of Public Safety  
**Short Title:** Allow voting with felony conviction **Person Writing:** Matthew Broom, Deputy Chief  
**Title:** conviction **Phone:** 5757601485 **Email:** Matthew.broom@dps.nm.gov

**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

Proposes to amend the state Constitution to remove a felony conviction as a disqualifier to vote.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No Fiscal Impact to DPS.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The constitutional change would align voting rights with recent changes allowing certain convicted felons who have fulfilled and completed their sentences to have their voting rights restored in New Mexico. In 2023, New Mexico enacted House Bill 4, known as the New Mexico Voting Rights Act, which significantly reformed the restoration of voting rights for individuals with felony convictions. This legislation automatically restores voting rights to individuals upon their release from incarceration, including those on probation or parole. Previously, individuals were required to complete all terms of their sentence, including probation and parole, before their voting rights were restored. The new law, effective July 1, 2023, allows individuals to register to vote immediately upon release from custody. *See* NMSA 1978, 1-4-27.1. "Eligibility to vote and register to vote upon release.

A. A voter is ineligible to vote while imprisoned in a correctional facility as part of a sentence for a felony conviction. Except as provided in this section, an otherwise qualified elector is ineligible to register to vote while imprisoned in a correctional facility as part of a sentence for a felony conviction.

B. During the reentry phase of an inmate's sentence, if the inmate is a voter or otherwise a qualified elector, the inmate shall be given an opportunity to register to vote...."

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

No Performance Implications to DPS.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

No Administrative Implications to DPS.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

No conflict, duplication, companionship or relationship to DPS.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

No Technical Issues to DPS.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

No Substantive Issues to DPS.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Not applicable as no impact to DPS.

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status Quo will remain.

### **AMENDMENTS**

None at this time.