

2018 PRIORITY LEGISLATION FOR COMMON CAUSE NEW MEXICO

Note: The first three priorities listed here will be graded on the Common Cause Report Card

1. **A Constitutional Amendment for a State Redistricting Commission, HJR 4**, sponsored by Reps. Carl Trujillo & Sarah Maestas Barnes, and in the Senate by Sens. Mark Moores & Daniel Ivey-Soto, will establish a redistricting commission that will use a fair, transparent process to evaluate new census data every 10 years and draw new district boundaries. Currently, the redistricting process is not transparent, and all too often, there is no public participation. The public's perception of this process is that districts are drawn to serve the political interests of those who draw them, rather than the interests of citizens. In 2017, this bill passed two House committees.

2. **Registration of All Qualified Voters, SJR 5**, sponsored by Sen. Daniel Ivey-Soto, requires the state to "ensure that all qualified electors are registered to vote for each election, except for those who affirmatively choose not to be registered, and that the vote of a qualified elector shall not be excluded from being counted for failure of the state to provide for the qualified elector's voter registration on or before election day." In 2017, a similar bill passed the House and one Senate committee.

3. **"Fix it America," HJM 10**, sponsored by Sen. Jerry Ortiz Y Pino and Reps. Linda Trujillo & James Smith, is a Memorial calling on Congress to address both the disclosure of money in politics and partisan gerrymandering. The Memorial asks Congress to amend the U.S. Constitution to do so. You can find the full language of the amendment at: www.fixitamerica.org.

4. **Funding for the Voter Action Act**: For years, the Secretary of State's office has been grossly underfunded, and legislators nearly each session move money from the state's Public Election Fund to pay for elections and the general operating budget. This fund is intended to provide money to qualifying candidates for the PRC and statewide judicial races, and all funding **MUST** be restored this year given the number of races in 2018. We must stop a budget proposal in the House Appropriations and Finance Committee that could take 78 percent of the money earmarked for Public Campaign Finance to once again fund the Secretary of State's official operating budget.

*Additionally, if we get a message from the Governor on any of the following, they will be priorities too! However, **only** those ruled germane in the **first 7 days** of the session will be graded for the NM GPA.*

LOBBY REFORM * CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE* REGISTER 3 DAYS BEFORE ELECTIONS