

Volunteer Referendum Packet

1. START: Print the Petitions

- **Print the petitions** for your county. (2-sided, 8.5x11)
- **Print the PDF of Bad Bill QR Codes** to link to the laws under referendum or send them to nmlegis.org. Access to these bills is legally required.
- **Print the PDF of Signature Tracker cards** to keep track of which bills everyone has signed. (It's illegal to sign twice.)

2. Petition Signing Instructions

- Each voter must sign and print their legal name.
- "Post Office" means the street address, city, and zip code where you are registered to vote.
- Find Voter Precinct/Registration at NMVote.org or scan this QR Code.

Not a voter? Scan the QR Code or go to NMVote.org to register!

Scan to Find
Your Precinct



3. Certifying your signatures

- Check to be sure the following is correct:
 - No one can sign twice.
 - Everyone must sign the petition naming the county in which they are registered to vote.
 - All printed names must be legible.
 - Each line of the petition must include the voter's legible signature, printed name, voter's street address, state, zip code, and precinct number.
- Sign the back and include your physical address.

4. Turn in Signed Petitions

A. **Hand-deliver to your County Captain** OR mail the petitions to:

Referendum Project
PO Box, 3188
Roswell, NM 88202

B. If you have a larger envelope:

- Add your return address in the space provided.
- Cut out the label below.

C. Apply correct postage and place in the mail.

Return Address

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5. WHAT ARE WE PETITIONING?

The legislature took away many of our rights during the 2023 legislative session.

You now have NO right to secure elections because of HB 4 & SB 180.

You now have NO right to be involved in your child's life when it comes to having abortions or gender transitioning at school because of HB 7, SB 13, SB 397.

And because of HB 7, it's now illegal for counties, cities, and even teachers to opt out of the abortion and transitioning school clinics. Are you frustrated by this? Now's your chance to stop it!

We are gathering signatures for referendums to stop those bills before they become law and get them on the ballot in 2024 for the people to decide! But we need your help! We need 180,000 signatures by June 16, 2023. Sign all the Referendum Petitions to help us keep our state safe, parental rights in place, and our children protected!

6. What are the bad bills / laws about?

Petition for Referendum: Legislation Guide

HB7: Reproductive & Gender Affirming Healthcare Freedom Act

- (1) The bill language gives our minors unrestricted access to receive abortion or transgender interventions and no parental notification is required.
- (2) No protections are offered for religious beliefs or matters of conscience for those who do not wish to participate in or even refer someone to these interventions.
- (3) The bill prohibits New Mexico state or local governments from creating or enforcing "any law, ordinance, policy or regulation that violates or conflicts" with the bill.
- (4) This bill will prevent prosecution of anyone who allows the death of a baby born-alive from a botched attempt at late term abortion.

Example: A schoolteacher must create a gender support plan for any student who asks. Teachers **legally cannot call the parents about medical treatment given to their child at school.**

SB13: Reproductive Health Provider Protection Act

- (1) SB13 blatantly violates freedom of speech by silencing all electronic forms of pro-life speech that would be used to deter an individual or entity from seeking, providing, or receiving abortions or transgender interventions.
- (2) SB13 gives no age restrictions or requirements of parental notification for a minor to receive these services and then protects a provider or facilitator from being prosecuted for performing services without parental involvement.

- (3) SB13 violates separation of powers between states as enshrined in the 10th Amendment of the US Constitution by disallowing enforcement of a subpoena or judgement of a court in another state.
- (4) SB13 protects predatory activities by protecting any individual who is assisting another individual who is seeking, receiving, or providing these protected health activities.

SB397: School-Based Health Centers

- (1) Students of all ages will now have direct access to a myriad of services including multiple forms of birth-control, referrals for abortions, gender-transition counseling, and provision of hormone blockers; all without parental notification.
- (2) Health care providers who work within these School-based health centers will be required to provide services including abortions and transgender interventions regardless of moral or religious objections.
- (3) School-based health centers further drive wedges between parents and their children with access to these dangerous and permanent procedures without parents' knowledge or consent. Our children deserve help, not harm.

HB 4: Voting Rights Protections

- Automatic Voter Registration through 3rd Party MVD, and other State Agencies that interact with the public. Giving the agencies and additional 3rd parties access to the voter rolls and the ability to change the rolls.
- Registrants are forced to opt out if they don't want to be registered to vote, even if they tell the MVD or other agencies they do not want to be registered. This violates some individual's freedom of religion since their religion forbids participating in the voting process. This also violates the Americans with Disabilities Act because it forces those with dementia, Alzheimer's, or other mentally debilitating diseases to make extra efforts send return a card taking them off the voter rolls.
- Inmates are eligible to vote and register to vote upon release, even if they have not completed their sentences.
- Eliminates the requirement that a voter's registration be canceled upon felony conviction. This means that felons will be allowed to vote. They can request to be on the absentee ballot list and have the ballot mailed to their place of incarceration.
- Voluntary permanent absentee voter list. This will increase the work on the Clerks of every county. They will have to keep the list maintained and updated. It will increase insecurity since voter verification has not been updated and the SOS suspended verification of absentee ballots during the 2022 general election. This is also a step towards mail in voting only.

- Permanent drop boxes required for each county. Violates the constitution by legislating functions that belong to the counties.
- Allows people to register public buildings as a place of residence for voting purposes. This will make canvassing elections impossible and therefore unverifiable.
- Expands the definition of who can return an absentee ballot.
- Declaring the day of general election and a regular local election a school holiday with no appropriations to pay staff's holiday pay. This means the school districts will be required to pay staff and make up the time in the school calendar for these additional days off.

SB 180: Election Changes

Section 1. Public Officials' home addresses will not be available in public filings. The statute states the proper filing officer shall determine if the candidate is registered to vote in the area. There are no additional requirements for the Secretary of State to verify permanent address, this decreases the transparency for people running for office.

Section 6. 1-1-27. Change the IPRA laws pertaining to elections, preventing the release of information to the public. This will prevent the public from reviewing and overseeing election data. Further erodes confidence in the elections since the public will not be able to verify and confirm processes and results.

Section 2. Chap 1, article 1 & Section 8. Creating an elections security program. This is intended to increase control of all local elections by the State and Federal government. There are 3rd party vendors that have been contracted by the state to perform Cyber security duties that are registered as foreign corporations. Real time synchronization can allow changes in the election without detection.

1-24-3 All special elections in the state shall be conducted absentee. That means there will be NO in person voting and an increased risk of unsecure elections.

Section 17. 1-4-1.1 (C) & 7-1-8.8 U. Authorizing the release of voters Tax information to the Secretary of State's office.

Section. 77. 1-17-8 Increasing the time the Secretary of State takes to review petitions to 30 days for referendums. This decreases the amount of time given to obtain signatures. This will restrict the constitutional right to referendum laws the people do not want enacted.

Section 69. 1-13-8. The process for searching for “missing ballots” will no longer require a district court order to open the ballot box. They are now given the authority to open the ballot box by the county clerk or deputy clerk in the presence of the presiding judge and two election judges. This eliminates judicial oversight and the need to justify opening the ballot box.

Section 10. 1-2-1.2 Requiring service of process on the Secretary of State for all election-related litigation. This means the SOS will be involved in all “election-related” legal challenges, even those that only have local impact.

Section 11. 1-2-7 Changes the definition of the qualifications of election board members.

Section 15. 1-2-22 Requiring centralized training for challengers and watchers. The Secretary of State (a partisan elected official) will produce training material eliminating party training for their challengers and watchers.

Section 16. 1-3-4. Requiring “voter convenience centers” hijacking local control of precincts as stated in the constitution.

Amending procedures and requirements for mailed ballots, absentee ballots, and military overseas ballots.

Section 54. 1-9-1; Section 55. 1-9-7.4; Section 57. 1-9-14. Changing the provisions related to the certification of voting machines.