2019 Regular Session By the Numbers

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The Legislators
Party Composition by Chamber

Notes:

• The Ds hold the majority in the House by 22 seats

• The Ds hold the majority in the Senate by 10 seats
“I think there’s been a sleeping giant and he’s been awoken. And that’s rural New Mexico.”

– Sen. Cliff Pirtle, R-Roswell (Albuquerque Journal)

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**Notes:**

- Urban areas include Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Las Cruces
- Both Chambers have more urban legislators than rural
100% of Democrat leadership is from urban areas
75% or Republican leadership is from rural areas

Democratic Leadership
House:
• Speaker of the House, Brian Egolf – Santa Fe
• Majority Floor Leader, Sheryl Williams Stapleton - Albuquerque
• Majority Whip, Doreen Gallegos – Las Cruces

Senate:
• President Pro Tempore, Mary Kay Papen – Las Cruces
• Majority Floor Leader, Peter Wirth – Santa Fe
• Majority Whip, Mimi Stewart - Albuquerque

Republican Leadership
House:
• Minority Floor Leader, James Townsend - Artesia
• Minority Whip, Rod Montoya - Farmington

Senate:
• Minority Floor Leader, Stuart Ingle - Portales
• Minority Whip, William Payne - Albuquerque
Gender

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Notes:

- Males comprise 65% of the Legislature
- There are 31 female House members
- There are 8 female Senate members
Notes:

- A majority of legislators are in their 60’s
- Only 9% of legislators are in their 30’s
Years of Service

Notes:

• 77% of legislators have 12 years or less serving in the legislature

• 38% of legislators have served up to 4 years
### Educational Attainment

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#### Notes:
- 53% earned an advanced degree
- 41% attended college
- 6% graduated high school with no further education
### Occupation

**Notes:**

- A citizen legislature is made up of working and/or retired individuals
- Being employed can shape lawmakers’ opinions and create self-interests

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The 2019 Session
Bill Introduction for 60 Days Sessions

Notes:
• Legislators are introducing relatively the same volume of bills
• Having a Democrat or Republican governor has not appeared to alter bill introductions
Committee Referrals

Bills Referred to:

1 COMMITTEE
- Democrat 85%
- Republican 15%

2 COMMITTEES
- Democrat 77%
- Republican 23%

3 COMMITTEES
- Democrat 37%
- Republican 63%

"It's frustrating being a Republican this year."
- House Minority Leader James Townsend, R-Artesia (Santa Fe New Mexican)
“The Republican Party does not have the votes to get an amendment, a substitute or to kill a bill, and so I’m encouraging folks on those things they feel are really important to call the Democrat representatives and ask them to vote according to New Mexico constituents, not just a party platform.” - Rep. Rebecca Dow, R-Truth or Consequences (Santa Fe New Mexican)
"There was some frustration, definitely. There were some bills that flew out of the House only to die in the Senate."

- First-term Rep. Andrea Romero, D-Santa Fe

(Associated Press)
Controversial Legislation

Controversial Bills that Passed in the House (Red)

- 24% Controversial
- 76% Non-controversial

Controversial Bills that Passed in the Senate (Red)

- 23% Controversial
- 77% Non-controversial

Notes:

- Most of the bills passed in 2019 were non-controversial
Signed Legislation

Bills Sent to Governors & Signed Into Law
during 60 – Day Sessions for the Past 18 Years

Notes:

• 309 bills were sent to the Governor in 2019

• 281 of those bills were signed into law

“If you’re winning every battle then you’re not taking on tough-enough battles.” – Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham (Albuquerque Journal)
Looking Forward...
Challenges for NM

• *U.S. News and World Report* recently released its assessment of the best and worst states to live in based on a number of factors

• Washington was the top, followed by New Hampshire, Minnesota, Utah, and Vermont

• The bottom five, in descending order, included New Mexico, West Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana
Governor Comparison

Gov. Martinez
First 60-Day Session

Won with 53%
Approval Rating 65%

Gov. Lujan Grisham
First 60-Day Session

Won with 56%
Approval Rating 41%
Target on Moderate Dems

The 2020 Election:

• All 112 legislators on the ballot
• 5 moderate Senate Democrats likely targeted

"It's a conservative coalition that's out of step with Democratic values," said Former State Senator Eric Griego. Griego is the state director of the New Mexico Working Families Party, a progressive advocacy group. "They're undermining potential change in our state." (Albuquerque Journal)
Important Dates

• Interim Committees
  • Water & Natural Resources Committee – September 5-6, 2019, Ruidoso
  • Military & Veterans’ Affairs Committee – September 9, 2019, Clovis
  • Indian Affairs Committee – September 9-11, 2019, Shiprock/Farmington/Crownpoint
  • Disabilities Concerns Subcommittee – September 11, 2019, Albuquerque
  • Legislative Health and Human Services Committee – September 12, 2019, Albuquerque
  • Mortgage Finance Authority Act Oversight Committee – September 12, 2019, Albuquerque
  • Behavioral Health Subcommittee – September 13, 2019, Albuquerque
  • Land Grant Committee – September 16-17, 2019, Cristobal de la Serna

• Regular 30-Day Session - January 21, 2020
The 2018 Election resulted in an increase of 12 Democratic seats in the House.

A majority of NM Legislators are from urban areas, male, in their 60’s, with 8 or less years of service. Most have advanced degrees and are actively employed.

The session:
- House Republicans felt stifled by the Democrat-controlled Legislature
- Most of the bills that passed were noncontroversial, attributable to the moderate Democrats in the Senate

Consequences of the session:
- Urban/Rural divide
- Moderate Democrats targeted in the 2020 election
THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?