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# 2019 Regular Session By the Numbers

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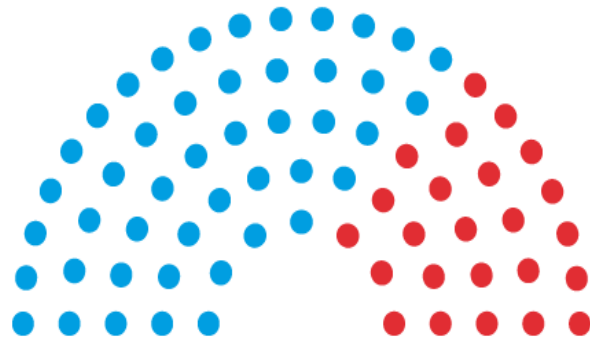


# The Legislators



# Party Composition by Chamber

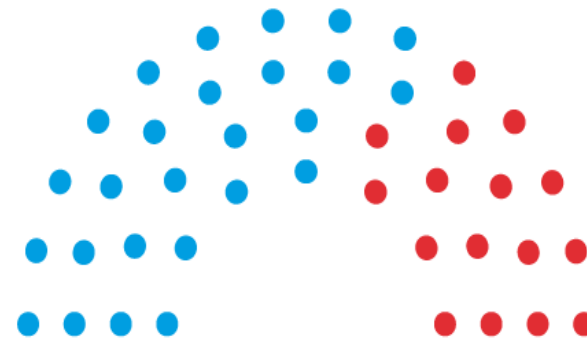
**NM HOUSE** TOTAL SEATS 70



46 Democrats 65.71%

24 Republicans 34.29%

**NM SENATE** TOTAL SEATS 42



26 Democrats 61.90%

16 Republicans 38.10%

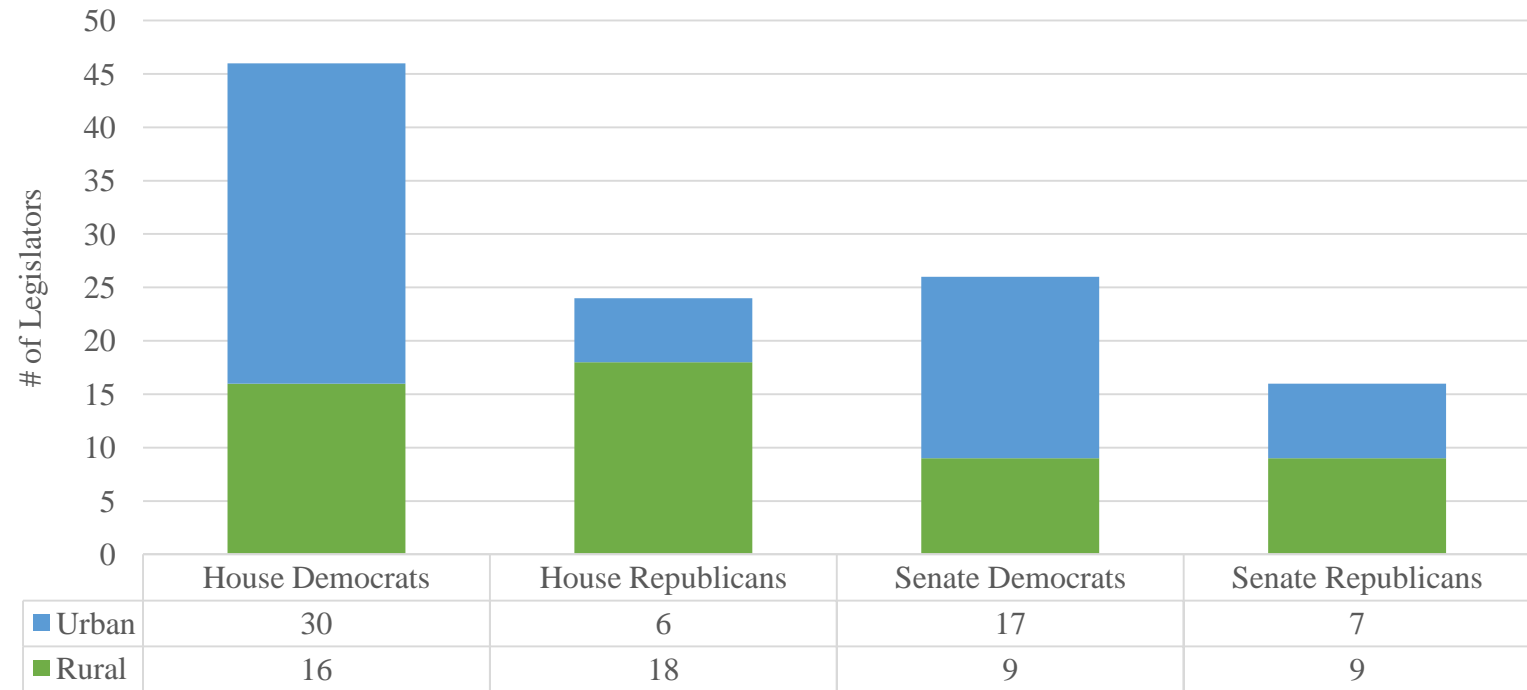
## Notes:

- The Ds hold the majority in the House by 22 seats
- The Ds hold the majority in the Senate by 10 seats

# Rural – Urban Divide

“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*)



## Notes:

- Urban areas include Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Las Cruces
- Both Chambers have more urban legislators than rural

# Leadership

## Democrat 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 Papan – **Las Cruces**
- Majority Floor Leader, Peter Wirth – **Santa Fe**
- Majority Whip, Mimi Stewart - **Albuquerque**



- 100% of Democrat leadership is from urban areas
- 75% of Republican leadership is from rural areas

## Republican Leadership

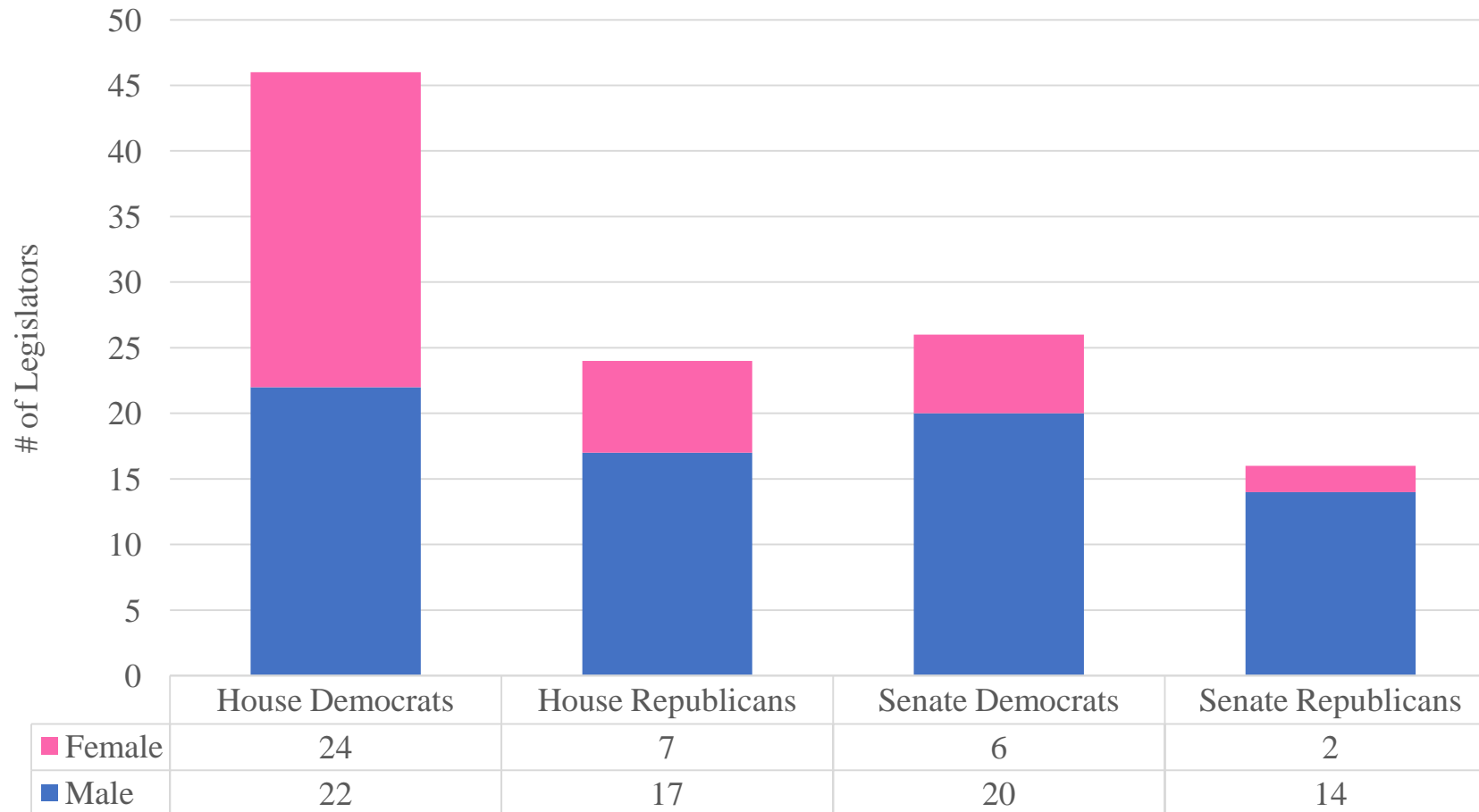
House:

- Minority Floor Leader, James Townsend - **Artesia**
- Minority Whip, Rod Montoya - **Farmington**

Senate:

- Minority Floor Leader, Stuart Ingle - **Portales**
- Minority Whip, William Payne - **Albuquerque**

# Gender



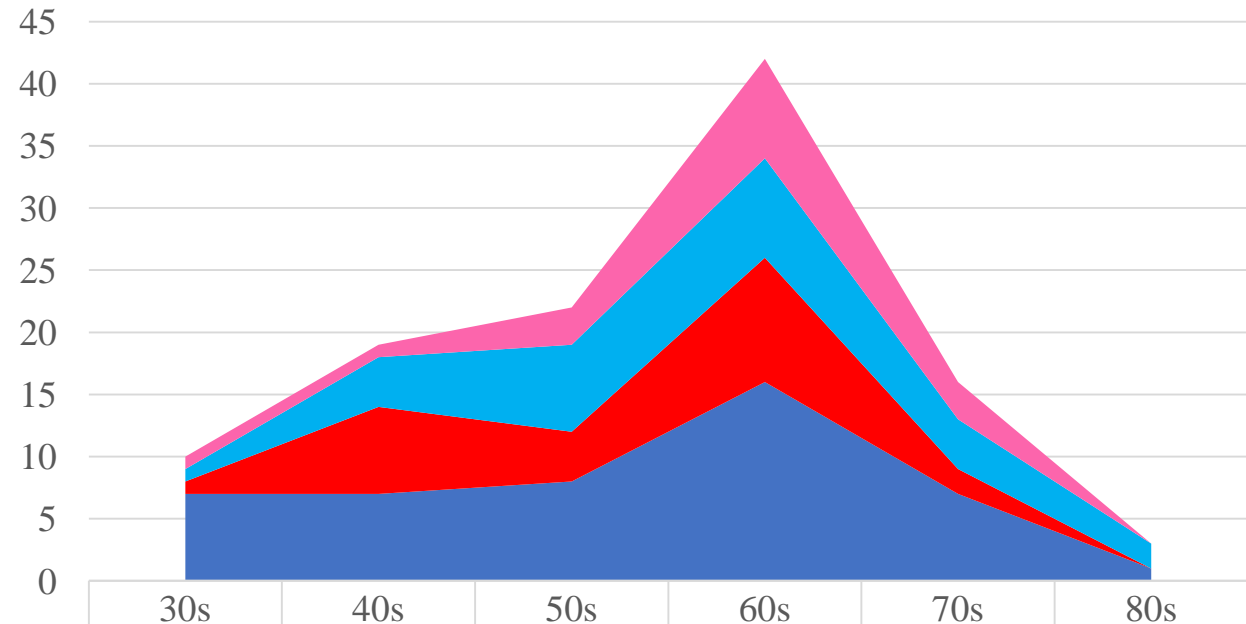
## Notes:

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

# Age

## Notes:

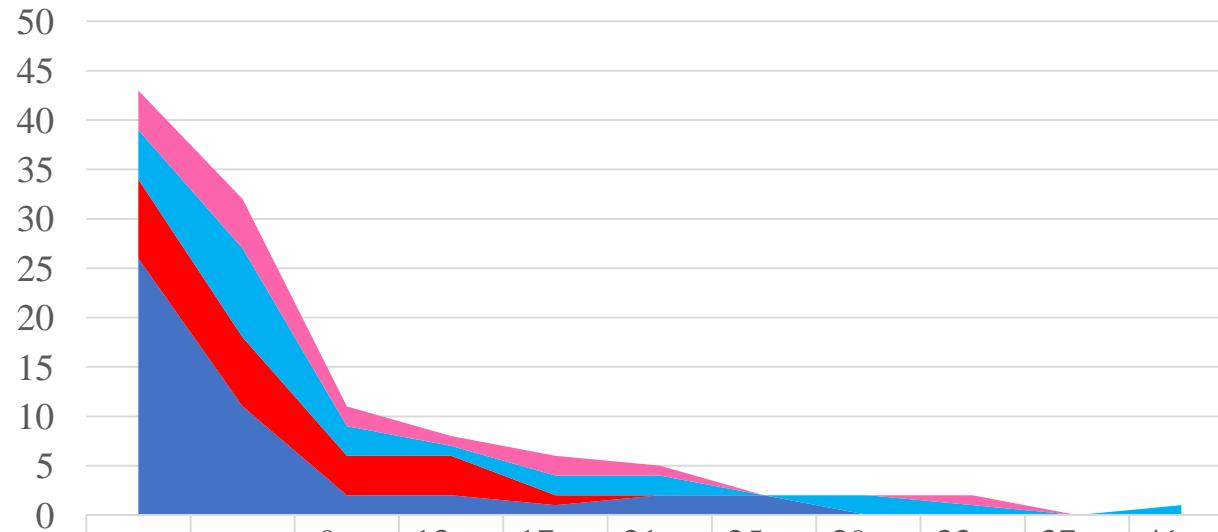
- A majority of legislators are in their 60's
- Only 9% of legislators are in their 30's



Senate Republicans	1	1	3	8	3	0
Senate Democrats	1	4	7	8	4	2
House Republicans	1	7	4	10	2	0
House Democrats	7	7	8	16	7	1



# Years of Service

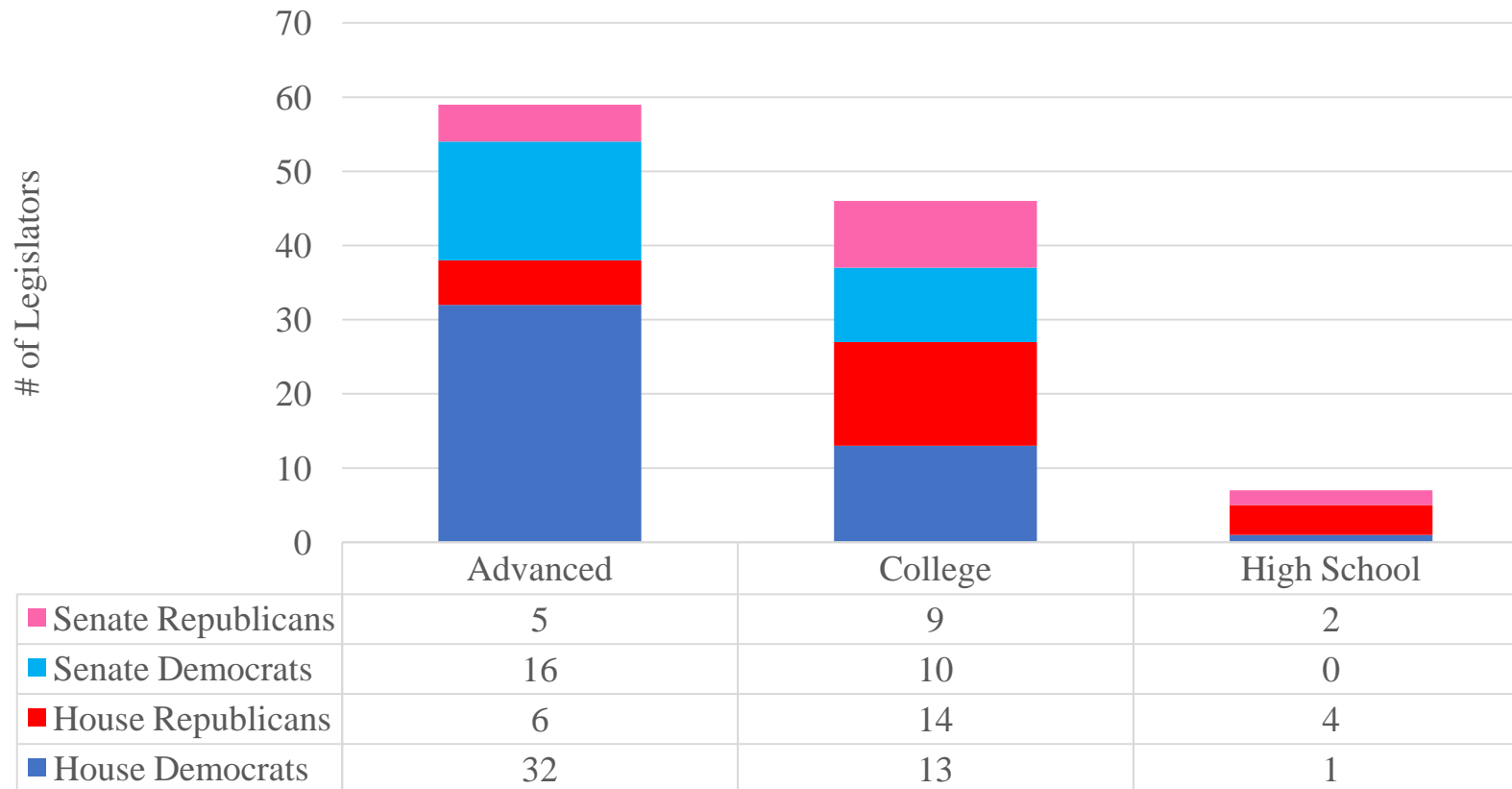


	1 to 4 Years	5 to 8 Years	9 to 12 Years	13 to 16 Years	17 to 20 Years	21 to 24 Years	25 to 28 Years	29 to 32 Years	33 to 36 Years	37 to 40 Years	41 to 44 Years
■ Senate Republicans	4	5	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
■ Senate Democrats	5	9	3	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	1
■ House Republicans	8	7	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
■ House Democrats	26	11	2	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0

## Notes:

- 77% of legislators have 12 years or less serving in the legislature
- 38% of legislators have served up to 4 years

# Educational Attainment



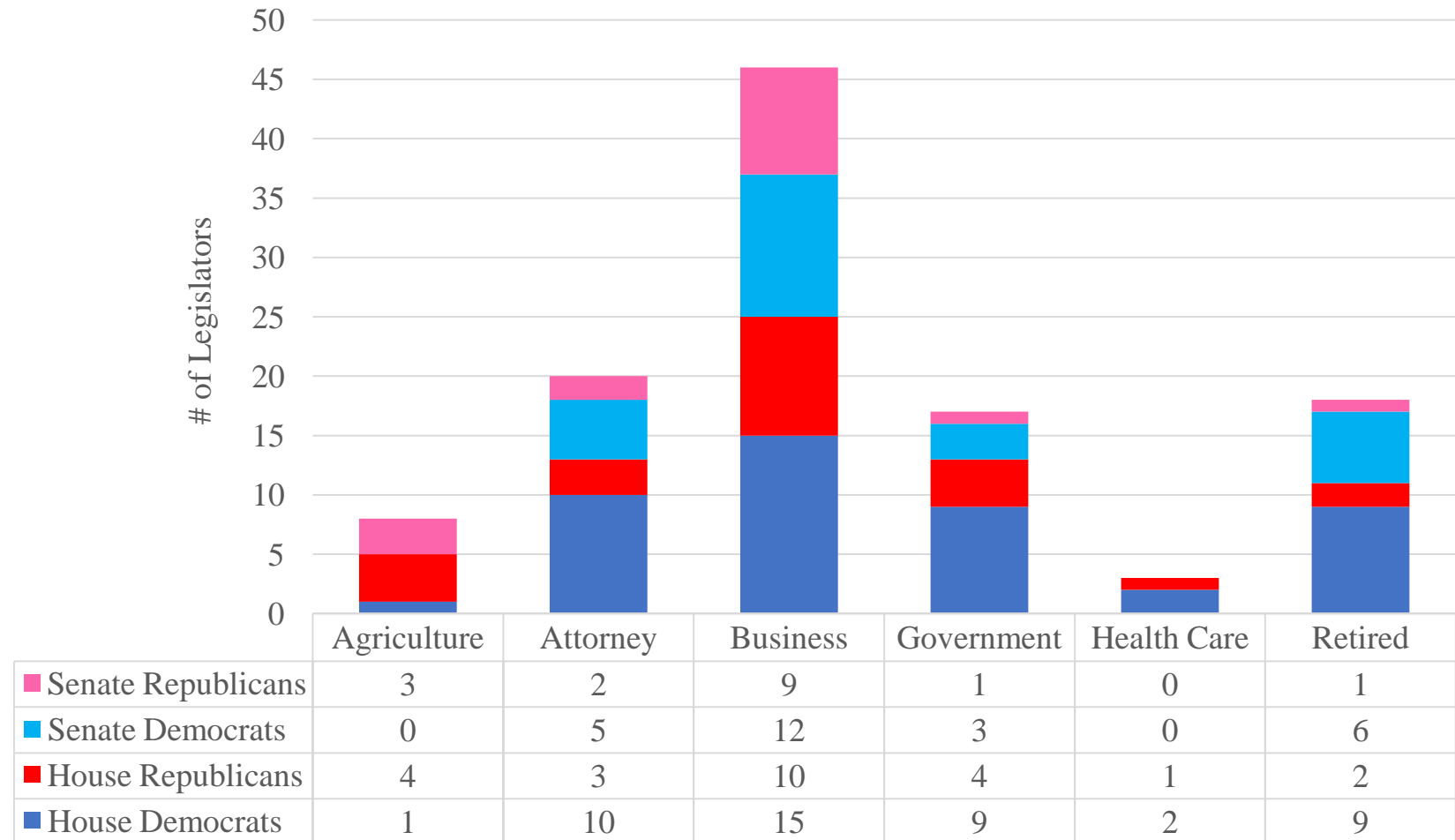
## Notes:

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

# Occupation

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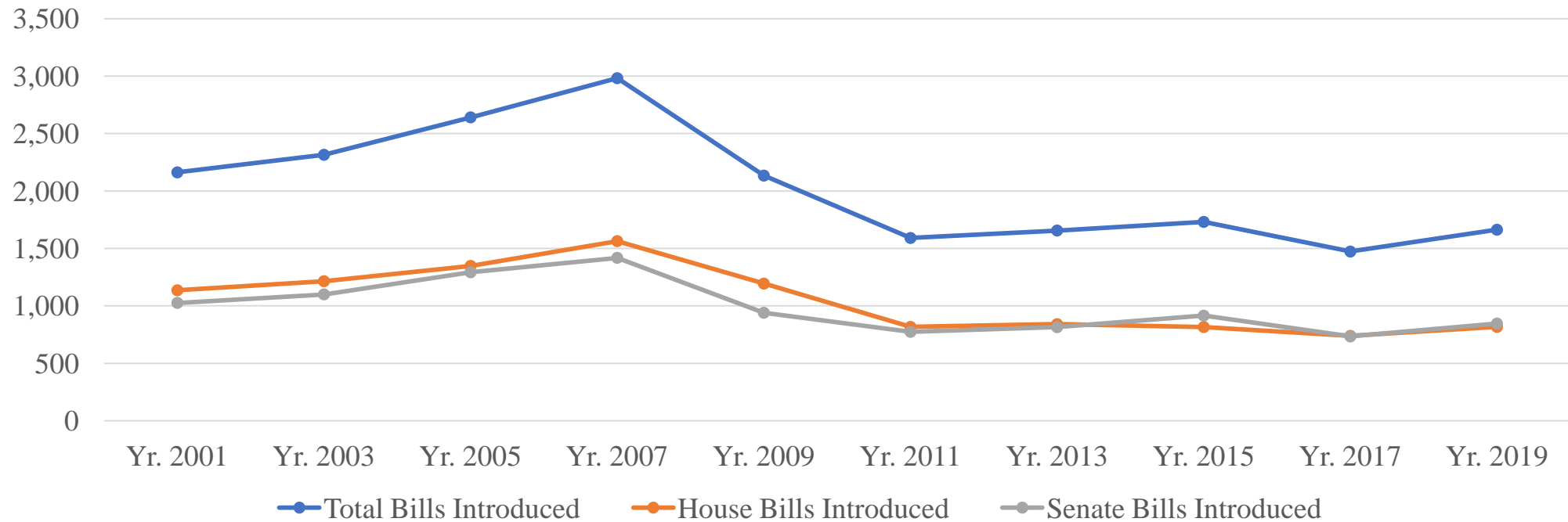
- A citizen legislature is made up of working and/or retired individuals
- Being employed can shape lawmakers' opinions and create self-interests



# The 2019 Session



# Bill Introduction for 60 Days Sessions



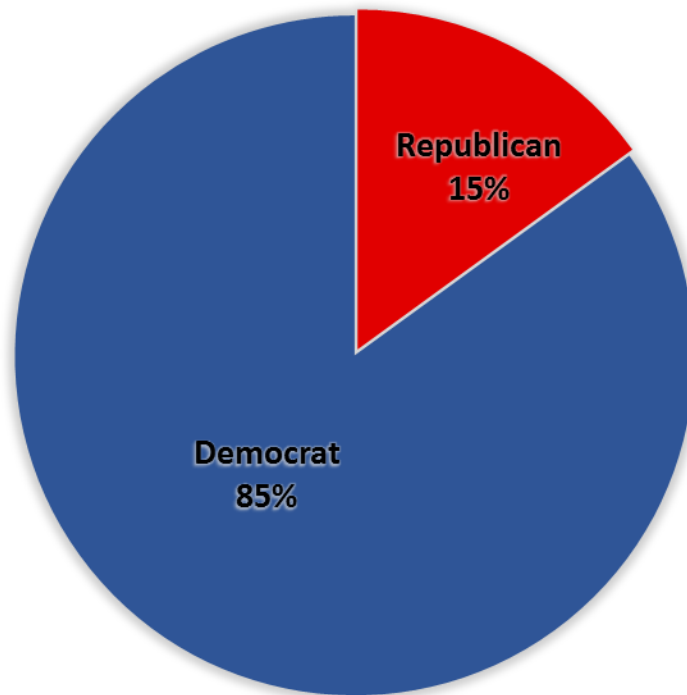
## Notes:

- Legislators are introducing relatively the same volume of bills
- Having a Democrat or Republican governor has not appeared to alter bill introductions

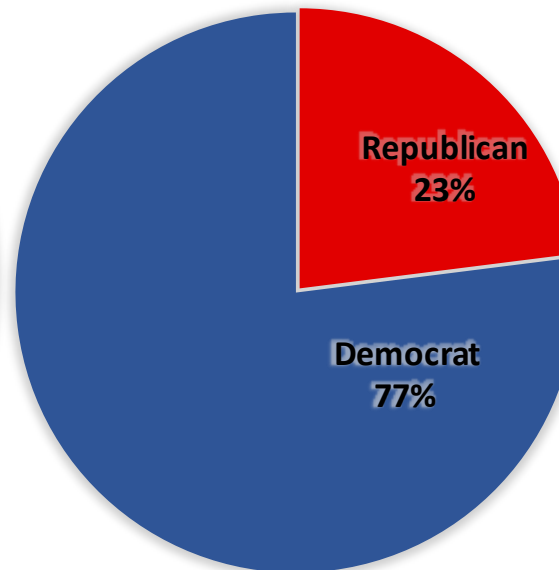
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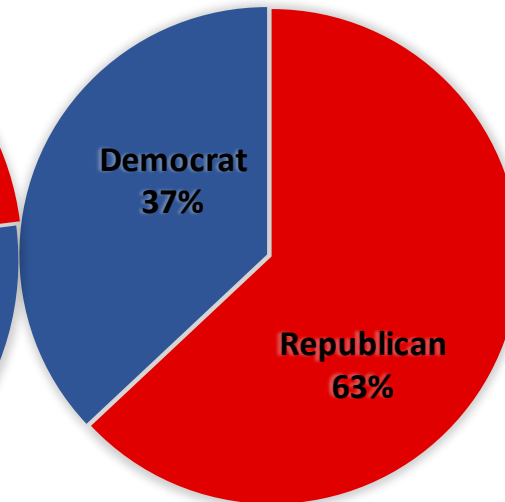
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2 COMMITTEES



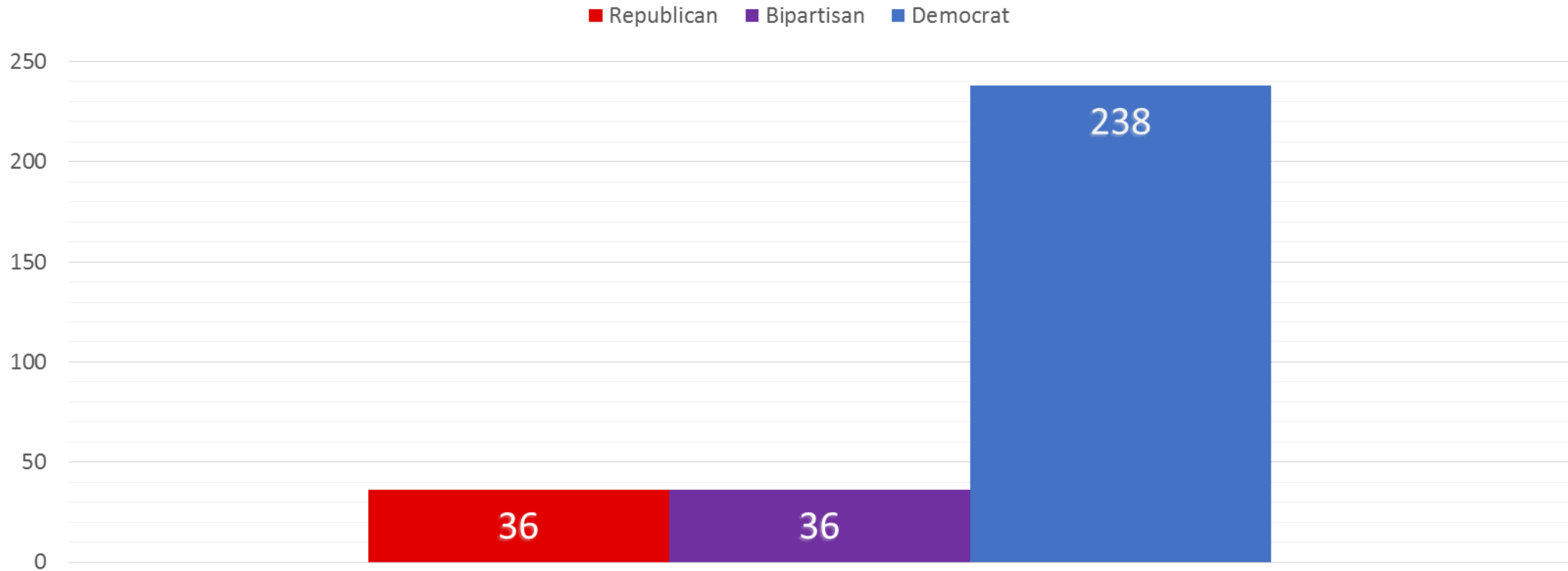
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"It's frustrating being a Republican this year."

- House Minority Leader James Townsend, R-Artesia (*Santa Fe New Mexican*)

# Party Sponsored of Passed Bills

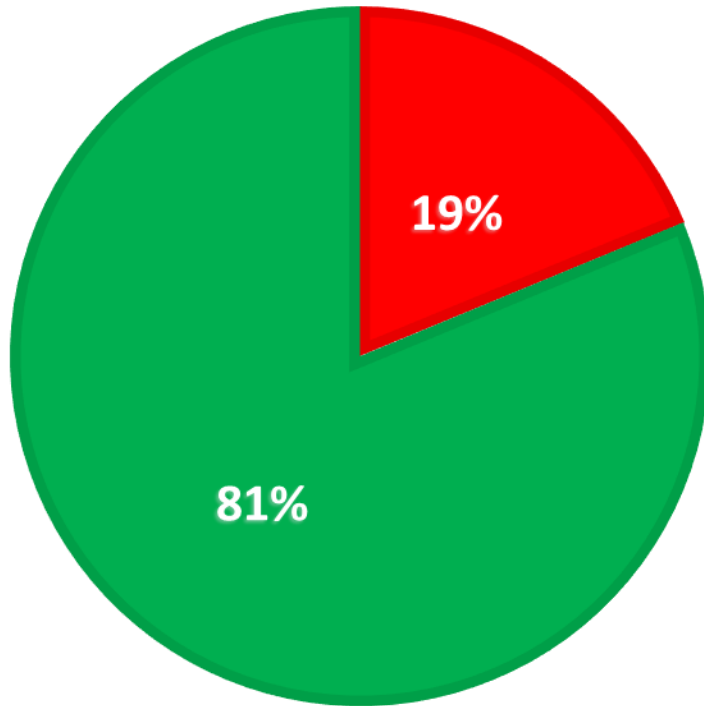


“The Republican Party does not have the votes to get an amendment, a substitute or to kill a bill, and so I’m encouraging folks on those things they feel are really important to call the Democrat representatives and ask them to vote according to New Mexico constituents, not just a party platform.” - Rep. Rebecca Dow, R-Truth or Consequences (*Santa Fe New Mexican*)

# Rates of Passage

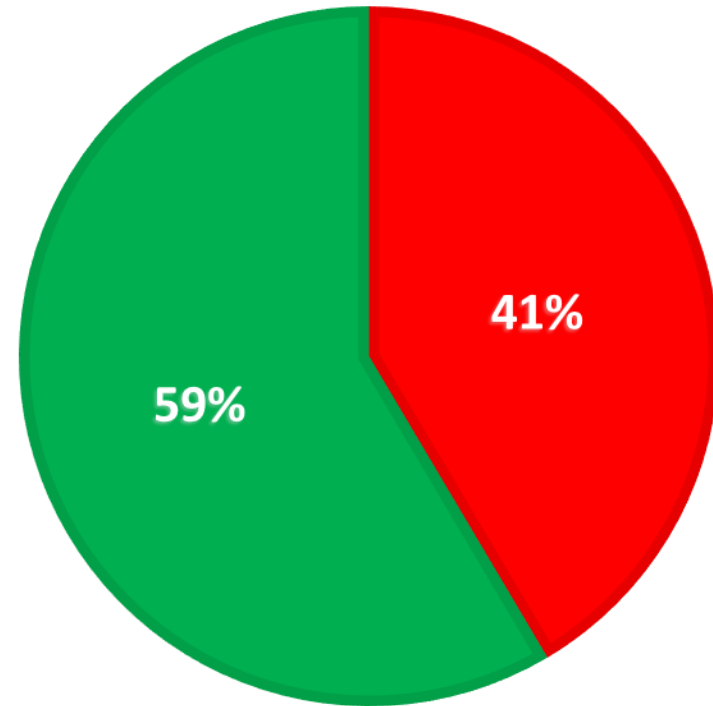
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Failed Passed



HOUSE BILLS IN THE SENATE

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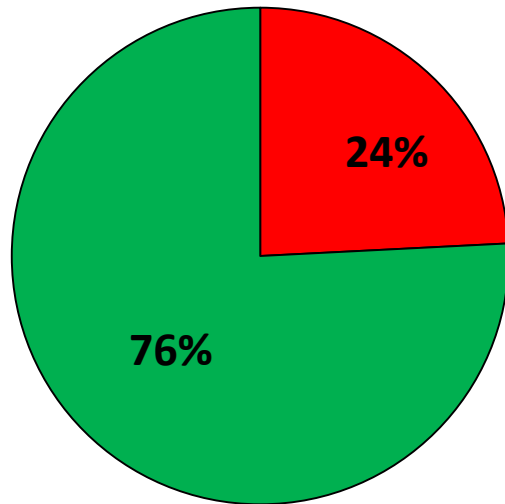


"There was some frustration, definitely. There were some bills that flew out of the House only to die in the Senate." - First-term Rep. Andrea Romero, D-Santa Fe  
(Associated Press)

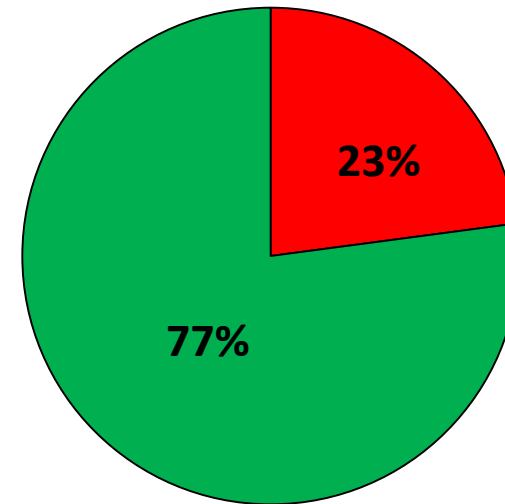


# Controversial Legislation

Controversial Bills that Passed in the House (Red)



Controversial Bills that Passed in the Senate (Red)

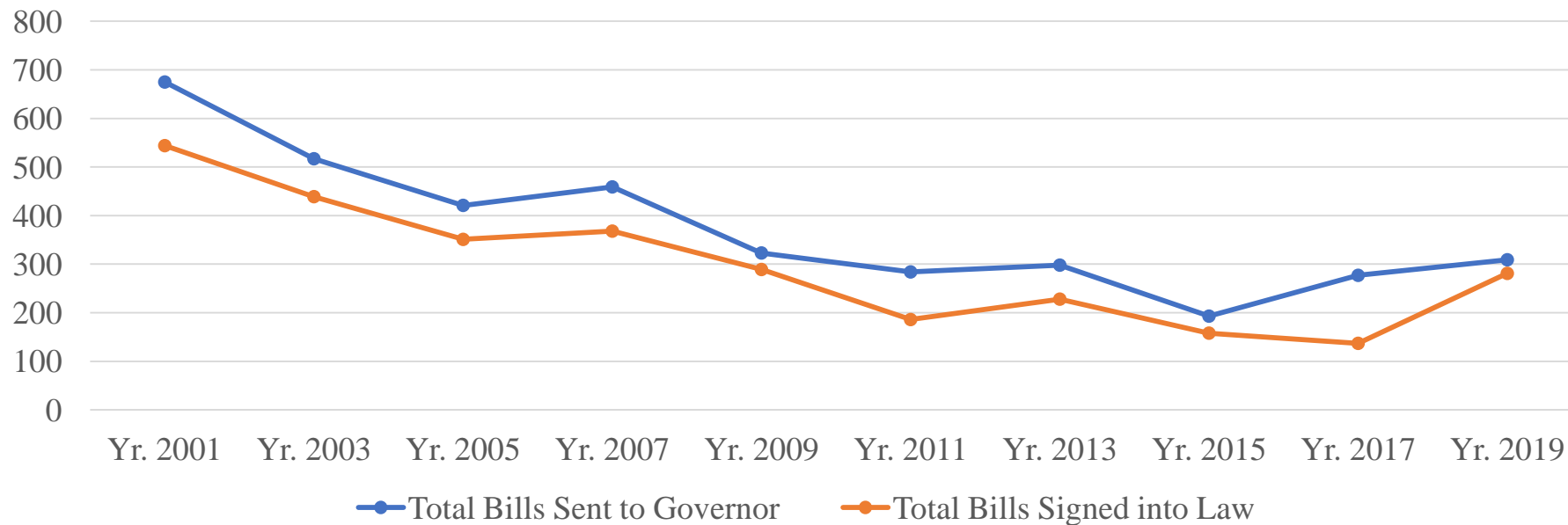


Notes:

- 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...



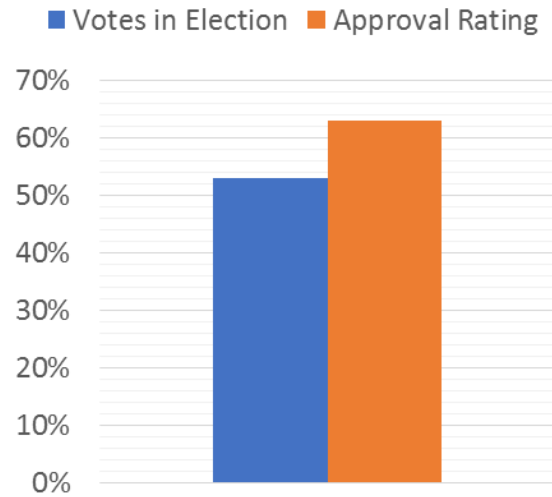
# Challenges for NM

- *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**

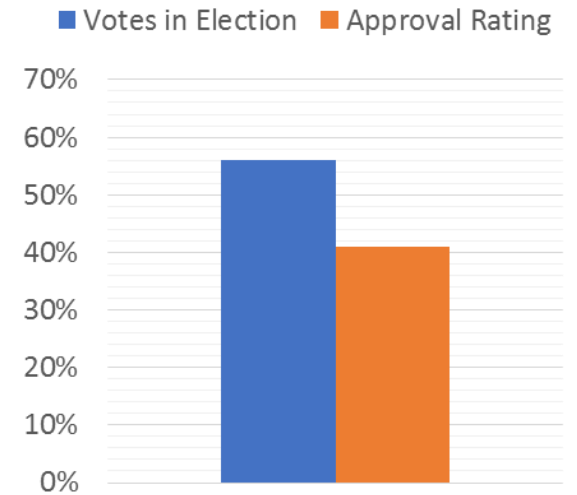
**First 60-Day Session**



Won with 53%  
Approval Rating 65%

**Gov. Lujan Grisham**

**First 60-Day Session**



Won with 56%  
Approval Rating 41%

# Target on Moderate Dems



Senator George  
Munoz,  
D-Gallup

Senator Mary  
Kay Papen,  
D-Las Cruces

Senator Gabriel  
Ramos,  
D-Silver City



Sen. Clemente  
Sanchez,  
D-Grants

Senator John  
Arthur Smith,  
D-Deming

## 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

# CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ 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



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**THANK YOU!**  
**QUESTIONS?**