

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
2016 Bill/Resolution



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Bill No.: Senate 64

Delegation: ALA NM Girls State 2016

Status: Passed by Legislature and Vetoed by Governor

Title of Bill: Voter ID Law

1 **Be It Enacted By The American Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State 2016**

2 **Section I. Body:** The voter ID law is present in New Mexico but is not
3 completely enforced. The voter ID law is in place to reduce voter fraud by
4 showing that a voter has a valid Drivers License, a State Issued ID, or
5 Military ID to prove that they are that qualified person (as well as 18 and
6 over). But not all states follow that rule including New Mexico. With this
7 law enacted, there are no strict guide lines to follow, the restrictions are
8 too wide. New Mexico is one of the 9 states who are "non-strict" meaning that
9 we do not require an ID when going to vote at the polls. The only ID New
0 Mexico requires is when filling out a voter registration form, that you can
1 pick up at any library. New Mexico does not follow its guidelines, the voter
2 registration form does not indicate proof of residency or proof of ID, it
3 only asks if you have been convicted of a felon. This form is another gray
4 area susceptible for voter fraud.

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6 Whereas one exclusively only registers/votes with verification only pertaining to social security
7 card.

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9 **Section II. Definitions:**

- 10 A. "Voter ID" when a person goes to vote they need Identification to show
11 that they are the voter they say they are.
12 B. "Ballot" when casting your vote for an election.
13 C. "Susceptible" likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular
14 thing.

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16 **Section III. Penalty:** The voter ID Law needs to be changed in New Mexico from
17 just requiring some form of ID when registering to when you go cast your
18 ballot. New Mexico does not require an ID when you cast your ballot and there
19 is no enforcement of our current law when registering to vote. It is a
20 privilege to vote and New Mexico must ensure a fair election.

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22 **Section IV. Repeal:**

23 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of
24 the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby
25 repealed.

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27 **Section V. Effective Date:** The provisions of this act shall be effective on
28 and after July 4,2016.