



The first virtual session addressed New Mexico's fiscal deficit due to the pandemic

SPECIAL SESSION 2020



PROCLAMATION

1. Temporary 2020 Election procedures
2. Additional executive powers
3. Increases GRT amounts to counties & cities
4. Small business recovery relief
5. Voiding of certain capital projects
6. Reduction to general appropriations
7. Create a Council on Racial Equity
8. Require body worn cameras for peace officers



ADDRESSING THE FY20 & FY21 DEFICITS

HB 1 – General Appropriation Act Sanding *(Lundstrom)*

- Cut \$600 from FY21 budget
- Reduced pay increases to 1%
- Reduced \$ to certain ed. funds:
 - Opportunity Scholarship Fund
 - Early Childhood Education Fund
- 4% cuts to most agencies
- Enables use of \$750 million
- Reduced reserves to 12%

SB 5 – Solvency Measures *(Munoz)*

- Sweeps cash from capital outlay
- Savings up to \$141 million



RELIEF FOR BUSINESS & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

HB 6 – Temp. Tax Waivers & Distributions *(Chandler)*

- Retroactively waives interest
- Additional year for payments
- Increases GRT distributions:
 - Municipalities
 - From \$1.25 million to \$2.5 million
 - Counties
 - From \$750,000 to \$1.5 million

SB 3 – Small Business Recovery Loan Act of 2020 *(Candelaria)*

- Small business loans
 - < \$5 million in revenue
 - Up to \$75,000 in loan proceeds
 - ½ of WSJ prime interest rate
 - Initial 3-year loan term
- Local government loans
 - Show a 10% decline in GRT for Q4 of FY20
 - Amounts determined by Local Gov. Division



TEMPORARY 2020 ELECTION PROCEDURE

SB 4 – Temporary Election Procedures (Ivey-Soto)

- Automatic mailing of absentee ballot applications if elected by county clerk
 - Authorizes mail ballot election precincts
 - No consolidation of polling places on tribal or pueblo lands
 - DOH can issue public health orders related to general elections
 - SOS will reimburse county clerks for certain expenses
- ❖ Adds permanent provision that independent or DTS voter can register with a major party on election day and participate in primaries



PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES

HB 5 – NM Civil Rights Commission *(Egolf)*

- Provides reports to:
 - Governor
 - Legislative Council Service
 - Courts, Corrections, & Justice committee
- Recommends policy changes
- Addresses qualified immunity

SB 8 – Law Enforcement Body Cameras *(Cervantes)*

- Requires law enforcement agencies:
 - Establish policies and procedures
 - Equip officers with body worn cameras
- Automatic findings if failure to adhere to established policies and procedures:
 - Bad faith by peace officer
 - Negligent spoliation of evidence



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