New Mexico

- Chief election official: Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver, elected in 2022 for a four-year term
- Who runs elections locally: County Clerk, Board of Registration
- Number of jurisdictions: 33

## ELECTION POLICY

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<td>Type of state voter registration database</td>
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<td>36 states and D.C. use top-down; seven states use bottom-up; seven states use a hybrid system</td>
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<td>18 by the election</td>
<td>22 states and D.C. permit pre-registration for 16- and 17-year-olds</td>
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## VOTING

- Voter ID for in-person voting: ID not required if presented at the time of registration (36 states require ID to vote in person)
- Early in-person voting: Begins 28 days before Election Day (47 states and D.C. allow early in-person voting; national average is 26 days)
- Vote centers: Vote centers are used (30 states and D.C. allow vote centers)
- No-excuse absentee voting: Permitted (28 states permit no-excuse absentee voting)
- Mails ballots to all registered voters (aka “mostly mail elections”): Ballots are not mailed to all registered voters (Eight states and D.C. mail ballots to all registered voters)
- Deadline for absentee/mail ballot return: 7 p.m. on Election Day (31 states require ballots returned by Election Day*)
- Laws governing who can return a voted ballot: A member of the voter’s immediate family or household or voter’s caregiver (32 states have laws governing ballot collection)
- Ballot drop boxes: Permitted (Six states prohibit; 23 states permit; other states are silent)
- Ballot cure process: Ballot cure process offered statewide (30 states and D.C. have a ballot cure process)
- When absentee/mail ballot processing begins: Counties receiving more than 10,000 abs. ballots may begin processing 2 weeks before Election Day (34 states and D.C. begin processing before Election Day**)
- Electronic ballot return: Permitted for UOCAVA voters (33 states and D.C. allow for military and overseas voters; 13 states and D.C. allow for voters with disabilities)

## OTHER

- Pre-election audits (logic and accuracy testing): Uses pre-election audits (47 states and D.C. have pre-election audits)
- Post-election tabulation audits: Uses post-election audits (48 states and D.C. require post-election audits)
- State primary type: Closed (Primaries range from fully open to fully closed)

* Other states accept ballots postmarked by Election Day.
** Counties that receive less than 10,000 absentee ballots may begin processing five days before Election Day.

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