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SB180 Passes the House, Will Add 'Much-Needed' Updates to Election Code

“SB180 will vastly improve election administration and security across the state,” according to Santa Fe County Clerk Katharine E. Clark. “The bill includes much-needed improvements to ballot box and voting machine maintenance, required training for poll watchers and challengers, and addressing election worker compensation concerns.”

Clark described this bill as "containing important elements that have been a priority for Clerks and Secretary of State for the last 3 sessions. The administrative changes within are important to streamlining and modernizing election administration. The bill is absolutely essential for election offices to be ready for the 2024 presidential election, and, if approved, we will be able to run our smoothest election yet.”

The bill recently passed the House floor with a vote of 44-25 and is now heading to the Governor's desk, where Clerk Clark is confident she will sign it into law. It will go into effect beginning January 2024.

“Many of the County Clerks across New Mexico agreed with and supported certain changes that were features during Covid,” Clark explained, “and this bill reinstates these changes that have since sun-setted.”

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