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Santa Fe County Clerk Katharine Clark Reflects on 2024 Legislative Successes

“2024 was a productive session at the Roundhouse,” said Clark. “Despite being only a 30-day session, several important bills made their way through both houses and onto the Governor’s desk, and I strongly encourage her to sign.”

[HB 182, Election Changes](#)

This bill provides important clarifications regarding the use of artificial intelligence to generate false or intentionally deceptive advertisements relating to elections. “Advancements in AI seem to happen every day,” explained Clark, “and images and videos using the likeness of candidates and election officials can be detrimental if not regulated. I am proud that the legislature is responding in real time to emerging issues in elections.”

[SB 5, Firearms Near Polling Places](#)

“It is vitally important that election workers feel safe and comfortable,” said Clark. “Since 2020, poll workers across the country have reported apprehension, and threats are on the rise. This bill, which prohibits the open carry of firearms within 100 feet of polling places, is an important step to ensure no one feels intimidated out of voting or performing their election worker duties fairly.”

[SB 108, Distribution to Election Fund](#)

“Funding has long been an issue for elections all over the country. This bill ensures a continuous funding stream from the Secretary of State at the state level.” says Clark, “SB108 ensures the SOS has the funding necessary to support the 33 New Mexico County Clerks in ensuring accurate, secure, and efficient elections.”

[SB 137, School Board Training](#)

“Thanks to SB137, candidates for any school boards in New Mexico, regardless of enrollment numbers, now have to follow the same campaign finance regulations,” Clark explained. “This is important, not only because it eliminates confusion on which regulations candidates must follow, but it also enables voters to be informed about what organizations may be financing certain candidates.”

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