



New Mexico

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2026 PRIMARY ELECTION
CANDIDATE NOMINATING PETITION
REQUIREMENTS



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Introduction

This publication has been prepared by the Bureau of Elections to serve as a reference for candidates seeking office in the 2026 Primary Election. This publication contains information regarding nominating petition calculations pursuant to Article 8 of the New Mexico Election Code.

For candidates interested in public financing, please refer to the information on the Secretary of State's website: [2026 Public Financing information](#).

Please contact the Bureau of Elections at (505) 827-3600, and select option 2, or email the office with additional questions: elections@sos.nm.gov.

Statewide Offices

Office	% Threshold	Democrats	Republicans
United States Senator	2%	2,505	2,351
United States Representative, District 1	2%	946	938
United States Representative, District 2	2%	584	657
United States Representative, District 3	2%	974	755
Governor	2%	2,505	2,351
Lt. Governor	2%	2,505	2,351
Secretary of State	2%	2,505	2,351
State Auditor	2%	2,505	2,351
State Treasurer	2%	2,505	2,351
Attorney General	2%	2,505	2,351
Commissioner of Public Lands	2%	2,505	2,351
Court of Appeals	2%	2,505	2,351

District Court Offices

Judicial District Judges	% Threshold	Democrats	Republicans
1 st Judicial District, Division 4	2%	525	140
1 st Judicial District, Division 8	2%	525	140
2 nd Judicial District, Division 2	2%	910	699
2 nd Judicial District, Division 11	2%	910	699
2 nd Judicial District, Division 19	2%	910	699
2 nd Judicial District, Division 24	2%	910	699
3 rd Judicial District, Division 4	2%	164	125
5 th Judicial District, Division 5	2%	50	293
10 th Judicial District, Division 1	2%	15	34
11 th Judicial District, Division 2	2%	174	216
11 th Judicial District, Division 6	2%	174	216
11 th Judicial District, Division 8	2%	174	216
12 th Judicial District, Division 2	2%	43	160
Court of Appeals Judge	2%	2505	2351



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Public Education Commissioners

Office	% Threshold	Democrats	Republicans
Public Education Commissioner District 2	2 %	286	323
Public Education Commissioner District 3	2 %	359	154
Public Education Commissioner District 5	2 %	202	192
Public Education Commissioner District 6	2 %	231	327
Public Education Commissioner District 7	2 %	148	106

Metropolitan Judges

Office	% Threshold	Democrats	Republicans
Bernalillo County Metropolitan Judge Division 5	2 %	911	699
Bernalillo County Metropolitan Judge Division 19	2%	911	699

Magistrate Judges

Office	% Threshold	Democrats	Republicans
Catron County Magistrate Judge	2 %	10	19
Chaves County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	10	29
Chaves County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	14	86
Cibola County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	30	22
Cibola County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	30	22
Colfax County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	18	22
Colfax County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	18	22
Curry County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	10	16
Curry County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	10	52
De Baca County Magistrate Judge	2 %	10	10
Doña Ana County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	164	125
Doña Ana County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	164	125
Doña Ana County Magistrate Judge Division 3	2 %	164	125
Doña Ana County Magistrate Judge Division 4	2 %	164	125
Doña Ana County Magistrate Judge Division 5	2 %	164	125
Doña Ana County Magistrate Judge Division 6	2 %	164	125
Doña Ana County Magistrate Judge Division 7	2 %	164	125
Eddy County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	10	12
Eddy County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	10	37
Eddy County Magistrate Judge Division 3	2 %	10	36
Grant County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	60	39
Grant County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	60	39
Guadalupe County Magistrate Judge	2 %	12	10
Harding County Magistrate Judge	2 %	10	10



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Hidalgo County Magistrate Judge	2 %	10	10
Lea County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	10	33
Lea County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	10	10
Lea County Magistrate Judge Division 3	2 %	10	28
Lea County Magistrate Judge Division 4	2 %	10	25
Lincoln County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	12	50
Lincoln County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	12	50
Los Alamos County Magistrate Judge	2 %	37	26
Luna County Magistrate Judge	2 %	15	22
McKinley County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	107	30
McKinley County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	107	30
McKinley County Magistrate Judge Division 3	2 %	107	30
Mora County Magistrate Judge	2 %	19	10
Otero County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	31	110
Otero County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	31	110
Quay County Magistrate Judge	2 %	10	23
Rio Arriba County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	104	22
Rio Arriba County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	104	22
Rio Arriba County Magistrate Judge Division 3	2 %	104	22
Roosevelt County Magistrate Judge	2 %	10	39
San Juan County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	10	54
San Juan County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	18	15
San Juan County Magistrate Judge Division 3	2 %	10	49
San Juan County Magistrate Judge Division 4	2 %	19	21
San Juan County Magistrate Judge Division 5	2 %	10	24
San Juan County Magistrate Judge Division 6	2 %	10	28
San Miguel County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	72	15
San Miguel County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	72	15
Sandoval County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	166	193
Sandoval County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	166	193
Sandoval County Magistrate Judge Division 3	2 %	166	193
Santa Fe County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	384	94
Santa Fe County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	384	94
Santa Fe County Magistrate Judge Division 3	2 %	384	94
Santa Fe County Magistrate Judge Division 4	2 %	384	94
Sierra County Magistrate Judge	2 %	13	35
Socorro County Magistrate Judge	2 %	27	25
Taos County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	95	16
Taos County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	95	16
Torrance County Magistrate Judge	2 %	12	35
Union County Magistrate Judge	2 %	10	11
Valencia County Magistrate Judge Division 1	2 %	62	105
Valencia County Magistrate Judge Division 2	2 %	62	105
Valencia County Magistrate Judge Division 3	2 %	62	105



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County Offices

Office	By District	Countywide/At Large
Commissioner	10	20
Clerk	N/A	20
Treasurer	N/A	20
Assessor	N/A	20
Sheriff	N/A	20
Probate Judge	N/A	20

**Calculations based on voter data generated from New Mexico's State Elections, Registration & Voting Integrity System (SERVIS).*

***Calculations appended based on 2026 Proclamation.*