

**Petition to Propose a Constitutional Amendment to Combine the
Presidential/Vice-Presidential Election with the Spring Senatorial Election on
the Fall 2023 Senatorial General Election Ballot**

DATE: October 23, 2023

TO: ASUNM Elections Commission

FROM: Undergraduate Students at the University of New Mexico

RE: Petition to Propose a Constitutional Amendment on Fall 2023 Senate Election Ballot

We, the undersigned undergraduate students at the University of New Mexico, in accordance with Article X of the ASUNM Constitution, petition the ASUNM Elections Commission to propose the following constitutional amendment to the undergraduate student body of the University of New Mexico County for its inclusion on the Fall 2023 Senatorial General Election ballot. Per Article X of the ASUNM Constitution, "Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the seated Senate or by petition of one-half (1/2) of the number of students voting in the previous general election. The proposed amendment shall be placed on the ballot of the next election." In the Spring 2023 Senatorial General Election, 162 students voted, meaning this constitutional amendment must receive a minimum of 81 signatures to be placed on the Fall 2023 Senatorial General Election Ballot.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Be it enacted by the Associated Students at the University of New Mexico that the following be amended in (*Election Procedures*) of the ASUNM (*Constitution*):

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 1. Candidate Eligibility

In order to be an eligible candidate for the office of President or Vice President they shall have earned a minimum of thirty credit hours at the University of New Mexico Main Campus and earned a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 at the time of their candidacy. In order to be an eligible candidate for the office of Senator, one must be a student in good standing (as defined in the ASUNM Constitution Article I. Sections G & K) and register as a candidate for only one (1) of these offices.

Section 2. Election of the Senate

Ten members of the Senate shall be elected at large from among those candidates declared eligible by the Election Commission in both the Spring ~~Senatorial~~ General Election and Fall General Election.

Section 3. Election of the President and Vice President

The President and Vice President shall be elected at large **during the Spring General Election** ~~in a separate Spring General Election held three (3) weeks prior to the Senatorial Election~~ from among those candidates declared eligible by the Elections Commission.

- A. ~~This election shall be referred to as the Presidential/Vice Presidential Spring General Election.~~