

New Mexico Redistricting Task Force

Summer Survey Report - September 22, 2022

The NM Redistricting Task Force reconvened in 2022 and chose to focus on HJR 9, a joint resolution that would regulate a New Mexico Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC). The group had been invited to consider the elements germane to an IRC in New Mexico, and to suggest ways to strengthen it. After considering the options, members took a survey to learn the will of the group. Fifteen of the twenty-two task force members participated in the survey.

7-Member Commission



- A 7-member independent redistricting commission (IRC) made the top two of 73.33% of survey respondents
- A 9-member IRC made the top two of 60% of respondents
- The other variables were 40% or less survey respondents' top two choices.

Commissioner Qualifications



- Registered Voter in NM – 93%
- With same affiliation for 3 years previously – 73%
- Can't have been lobbyist for 5 years previously – 67%
- Other variables received less than 50% of respondent support

YES! Chair to Vote



Commission chair voting privileges were supported by 93% of respondents

YES! Legislators should have an active role



60% of survey takers thought legislators should have an active role directly appointing members to the commission

NO to Legislators on the IRC



87% percent of survey takers did not support legislators serving on the IRC

YES! Legislators can strike applicants



60% percent of respondents thought legislators should have the power to strike from a pool of applicants from which an appointing authority selects.

NO to Legislator Vetoes



79% of respondents did not support legislators having the power to veto a certain number of another appointing authority's appointments.

SEC and Legislature Should Appoint



The top two appointing authorities the group named were The NM State Ethics Commission and legislative leadership, supported by 9 and 8 respondents, respectively. Some wanted a combination of both. A judicial commission was mentioned twice.