

RESOLUTION 18-74

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL ELECTION ACT
CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 22, NMSA 1978 FOR THE MUNICIPAL
OFFICER ELECTION DAY

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2018, the Local Election Act as amended went into effect as Chapter 1, Article 22, NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities that do not choose to opt into their County consolidating and running municipal elections wish to have some different requirements; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities have considered the issues related to the Local Election Act for Municipal Officer Election Day and suggest the following amendments be added so those municipalities not opting into consolidation may continue to manage their own election:

- a. Amend the dates in 1-22-3.1J NMSA 1978 from between June 1 and July 30, to between October 1 and November 30 to establish polling locations
- b. Amend the language from "Secretary of State" to "Municipal Clerk" to issues resolution (proclamation) per 1-22-4B NMSA 1978 for a regular municipal officer election
- c. Amend the language in 1-22-15B NMSA 1978 from Local Canvassing Board (County Commission) by deleting "(County Commission)"
- d. Amend the language in 1-22-15F NMSA 1978 from "Secretary of State" issues certificates of election to the winning candidates and certifies the passage or defeat of any bond question to "Municipal Clerk"
- e. Amend the language in 1-22-3.1F NMSA 1978 by removing the time frame from "first day of month following election" to "term of office beginning for newly elected candidates shall be after the oath of office is administered"


NOW, THEREFORE, the New Mexico State Legislature is encouraged to amend the above-listed changes in Chapter 1, Article 22 NMSA 1978, Local Election Act.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED this 13th day of December 2018.




Dennis Kintigh, Mayor


Sharon Coll, City Clerk


Stephanie Garay
Deputy City Clerk