

April 11, 2025

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 27

The Honorable Javier Martínez, Speaker of the House and  
Members of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Honorable Speaker Martínez and Members of the House:

I have decided to veto HOUSE BILL 494 (“HB 494”), which purported to enable veterans to claim a property tax exemption. However, HB 494 actually makes it harder for veterans to obtain this important benefit by changing the current one-year window to apply to a mere 30 days. At bottom, this bill benefits county assessors more than veterans.

Because of these issues, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE BILL 494, enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of State

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House