

April 4, 2019

SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 41

The Honorable Mary Kay Papen, President Pro Tempore and
Members of the New Mexico State Senate
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Honorable President Pro Tempore Papen and Members of the Senate:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed SENATE BILL 547 (“SB 547”), enacted by the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, First Session, 2019.

SB 547 proposes to increase by fifteen percent the salaries of the Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commission of Public Lands, each Public Regulation Commissioner, and the Lieutenant Governor. SB 547 makes these salary changes effective for each state officer whose term of office begins on or after January 1, 2020.

I appreciate the Legislature’s gesture of raising salaries for the public officials listed above and I agree that a pay raise may eventually be appropriate for those positions. However, I am not comfortable signing into law a pay raise that may apply to current officer holders who could run for re-election in 2020 and beyond. If the Legislature wishes to provide a longer timeline for when the salary changes will take effect, then I am willing to re-examine this issue.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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