Elected Official & Cabinet Secretary Lobbying

Senate Executive Message No. 16 and House Executive Message No. 7 by Governor Susana Martinez
Senate Bill 96 sponsored by Senator Bill O'Neill and Representative Mimi Stewart, AND
House Bill 82 sponsored by Representative Emily Kane

- Both bills prohibit former statewide elected officials, public regulation commissioners, state legislators and cabinet secretaries from accepting compensation as lobbyists for a period of two years after their service.

- New Mexico legislators could improve public confidence in the integrity of state government by enacting this two-year waiting period before former elected officials and others can become lobbyists.

- Approximately twenty-six former legislators currently lobby the New Mexico state legislature.

- At least 31 states have enacted a "cooling-off period" before a former legislator can come back to work at the legislature as a lobbyist. Also knows as revolving door laws, eight states – Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Montana, and New York – ban former legislators for two years.

- A poll was conducted with a random sample of 467 registered New Mexico voters between December 20th, 2013 and January 2nd, 2014 to ask if they supported this bill.

- **Seventy-eight percent (78%)** of the voters surveyed support **requiring former legislators to wait at least two years after their term ends before they are able to become paid lobbyists to the legislature**.

Gender		**Political Preference**	
Male	77%	Democrat	77%
Female	78%	Republican	81%
		Independent/Other	75%
Ethnicity			
Hispanic	71%	**Region**	
Anglo	86%	Albuquerque Metro	76%
		Northwest	62%
Age		North Central	84%
18 to 34 years	64%	South/Southwest	83%
35 to 49 years	81%	East Side	85%
50 to 64 years	81%		
65 years or older	83%		

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