GENERAL RIGHTS

- RIGHTS ARE GUARANTEED TO NEW MEXICO CITIZENS BY THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO (SECTION 5)

- ALL NATIONAL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES APPLY TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
LEGISLATURE

- SENATORS – 25 YRS; HOUSE- 21 YRS.
- ODD NUMBERED YEARS- 2 MONTHS STARTING JANUARY
- EVEN NUMBERED YEARS- 1 MONTH STARTING IN JANUARY; MAINLY BUDGET ISSUES
- NO COMPENSATION; PER DIEM
- CAN BE CALLED INTO SPECIAL SESSION BY THE GOVERNOR
LEGISLATURE (CON’T)

- LAWS GO INTO EFFECT 90 DAYS AFTER ADJOURNMENT
- APPROPRIATION LAWS ARE IMMEDIATE
EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- Supreme Executive Power is vested in the Governor.
- Commander in Chief of Military Forces of the State unless called into service of the United States.
- Power to grant reprieves and pardons.
- 30 years minimum.
- Resident for 5 years.
EXECUTIVE (CON’T)

- GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ON SAME TICKET
- ATTORNEY GENERAL IS ELECTED NOT APPOINTED
JUDICIARY

- 5 JUSTICES ON NEW MEXICO SUPREME COURT
- MINIMUM 35 YRS
- ALL JUDGES ARE ELECTED IN A PARTISAN ELECTION (REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT)
- SUPREME OR APPEAL COURTS- 8 YRS
- DISTRICT COURT- 6 YRS
- METROPOLITAN- 4 YRS
OTHER ISSUES

- CITIES ARE ORGANIZED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
- COUNTIES HAVE A 5 MEMBER COUNTY COMMISSION
- NEW MEXICO BECAME A STATE ON JANUARY 6, 1912
NATIONAL ISSUES

• MARTIN HEINRICH AND TOM UDALL ARE THE U.S. SENATORS FROM NEW MEXICO

• HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS:
  • DISTRICT 1- ALBUQUERQUE- MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM (D) BUT SOMEWHAT EVEN
  • DISTRICT 2- SOUTH- STEVE PEARCE (R)
  • DISTRICT 3 NORTH- BEN RAY LUJAN (D)
TRIBAL ISSUES

• TRIBAL LAND IS SOVEREIGN;

• THE STATE HAS NO JURISDICTION ON TRIBAL LANDS

• ISSUES ARISING ON THE TRIBAL LANDS ARE THE REALM OF THE TRIBE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
TRIBAL ISSUES (CON’T)

- INDIAN REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1934
- ESTABLISH OWN JUSTICE CODES
- OPERATE COURT SYSTEMS
- ENFORCE THOSE LAWS
- CAN ORGANIZE AND ADOPT CONSTITUTIONS
- SECRETARY OF INTERIOR APPROVAL