NEW MEXICO
CONSTITUTION INFO
ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW!!!!
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 GOVERNOR
- COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF MILITARY FORCES OF STATE UNLESS CALLED INTO SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES
- POWER TO GRANT REPRIEVES AND PARDONS
- LINE ITEM VETO POWER
- 30 YEARS MINIMUM
- RESIDENT FOR 5 YRS
• 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