

NM Counties offers information on upcoming Ballot Initiative that would shift Compensation Decisions to Local County Commissions

Amendment 4 on November Ballot could affect 300+ county elected officials

(September 23, 2024 – Santa Fe, NM) – New Mexico Counties is providing information to voters on legislation on the November 2024 ballot that proposes local control of the salaries of county elected officials – a change that would allow local county governments the same control and flexibility that cities have when making salary decisions that reflect local financial realities. The initiative – The Local Compensation Amendment – is **Amendment 4** on the November 5th Ballot.



LOCAL COMPENSATION AMENDMENT

local decision-making. local control.

Amendment 4

The Local Compensation Amendment - Amendment 4 creates fairness in local government. Right now, cities have more control over compensation than counties do. Amendment 4 would level the playing field, giving counties the same ability to make important financial decisions based on their own local needs.

The Local Compensation Amendment – Amendment 4 – is about empowering local governments to act responsibly based on what their specific county can afford. Therefore, a shift in decision-making authority to local boards of commissioners would ensure that any changes reflect the community's needs and financial health, rather than adhering to a blanket decision by legislators that applies to all counties.

Since New Mexico became a state, counties have been unable to set the salaries of their elected officials. If Local Compensation Amendment - Amendment 4 - passes, it would allow individual counties to make their own financial decisions locally, without relying on the state for approval.

For more information on the Local Compensation Amendment – Amendment 4, visit nmcounties.org.

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