BILL #3S
SESSION

Legislative Action:
Introduced by: Senator R. Regalado (A)(S)(E), Deputy Chief of Staff V. Peña-Parr (A)(E),
Senator M. Zank (S), Senator S. Musa (S), Senator A. Lutz (S), Senator N. McKim (S), Boards
and Committees Coordinator G. Romero (A)(E)

1st Reading: 2/5/2020
2nd Reading: 2/12/2020
3rd Reading: ____________

Referred To: S&R
Committee Action: 5-0-0-0
Senate Action: 18-1-1-0

Executive Action:
☑ Approved  ☑ Vetoed

Signed

2-13-2020

ASUNM President

Date

Unsigned by the President on this ___ day of _______ 2020. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:
Veto override vote taken: ____________ Senate Action: ____________

Be it enacted by the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico that the following be amended in (Elections Code, Article X) of the ASUNM (Law Book):

Article X: Candidate Endorsements

Section 1. Candidate Endorsement Forum

There will be only one endorsement forum for each branch of government in an election, and all candidates will be allowed to participate.

A. The endorsement forum will be scheduled by the Elections Commission.
B. The endorsement forum will be held five (5) to seven (7) days prior to the Wednesday voting period.
C. The Elections Commission will advertise the endorsement forum’s location and time at least three (3) days prior to the event.
D. The results of the endorsement forum must be delivered to the ASUNM office by 5:00 PM on the day of the endorsement forum in order to be published by the Elections Commission.

E. Chartered student organizations may endorse one candidate for President, one candidate for Vice President, and up to ten (10) candidates for Senate. Chartered student organizations may also endorse or oppose any number of constitutional amendments or referendum appearing on the ballot. Only those chartered student organizations that have registered with the Elections Commission at the forum will be able to publish their endorsements.

F. The Elections Commission shall make available to all student groups attending the endorsement forum copies of all constitutional amendments and referendum items which are to be placed on the ballot.

Section 2. Endorsements by ASUNM Officials

All ASUNM officials (elected or appointed), and employees are permitted to personally endorse candidates for any ASUNM office.

A. The ASUNM official or employee that is endorsing a candidate shall not use their position or any ASUNM resources to endorse a candidate, and they shall not use their position or ASUNM resources to solicit votes.

B. Political activity shall be in accordance with university policy as outlined in the University Administrative Policies under the section titled “Political Activity” (UAP 2060) or in accordance with its successor’s policy.