BILL #1F 2020 FALL SESSION

Legislative Action:
Introduced by: Senator Ryan Regalado (A)(S)(E), Senator Emma Hotz (S), Executive Director Gregory C. Romero (E)

1st Reading: 8/19/2020 Referred To: Steering and Rules
2nd Reading: Committee Action:
3rd Reading: Senate Action:

Executive Action:
☑ Approved ☐ Vetoed

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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 (Legislative Code, Article X) of the ASUNM (Law Book):

Article X: Senate Vacancies

In the event of multiple vacancies in the Senate, full term vacancies will be offered to the candidates with the highest number of votes in the most recent general election. In the event of a full term vacancy opening after a semester long appointment has been made, Senators with the highest number of votes from the most recent Fall or Spring General Election seated for semester long terms have the option of accepting the longer term.

A. In the event of a full term vacancy opening, the Senator who was offered the full term has ten (10) days to accept or decline their full term.

Section 1. Filling Vacancies by Election Results

In the event of vacancies in the Senate, the official candidates receiving the next highest number of votes from the most recent Fall or Spring Senatorial General Election shall fill the respective vacancies. In the event that the position is refused or in the event that the Vice President, after reasonable attempts, is unable to contact the official candidate, the official candidate with the next highest number of votes from the most recent general
election will be offered the position. This shall continue until all vacancies are filled or
until there are no remaining official candidates to fill the vacancies.

Section 2. Filling Vacancies by Vice-Presidential Appointment

In the event that there are no remaining candidates to fill the vacancy by election results,
the Vice President shall appoint a replacement. The Office of the Vice President is
responsible for advertising the vacancy and assembling an application. The Vice President
shall accept applications and appoint a replacement within ten (10) days of a vacancy
occurring. Confirmation of the appointment will occur with the approval of two-thirds of
the Senate. An appointed Senator shall not be allowed to assume responsibilities, duties, or
voting privileges until confirmed by the Senate and an Oath of Office is administered.

Section 3. Time Restriction

The individual who is offered a term has ten (10) days to accept or decline their respective
term.

Section 4. Accepting a Longer Term

In the event of a full-term vacancy opening after a semester long appointment has been
made, Senators with the highest number of votes from the most recent Fall or Spring
Senatorial General Election seated for semester long terms have the option of accepting the
longer term. Senators that have been appointed by the Vice President are not eligible to
accept a longer term.