

The NM Legislature

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Legislative Process

A brief overview

History

- Established in 1912
- 70 House Districts (1967)
- 42 Senate Districts (1967)
 - No term limits
- Uncompensated

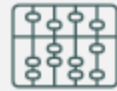


Sessions



60-Days (odd-numbered years)

Budget and all other matters



30-Days (even-numbered years)

Budget and executive messaging



Special

Discretion of the executive



Extraordinary

Requires 2/3 legislative vote

Legislative Process



Chamber 1

Introduction
Referral to Committees
Committee Hearings
Floor Vote



Chamber 2

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Signing Process



Passes both chambers prior to last 3 days of session

3-day signing period
If no action, becomes law



Passes both chambers during last 3 days of session

20-day signing period
If no action, considered pocket-vetoed

Legislative Interim

- Issue-specific, monthly meetings
- Bicameral, bipartisan membership
- Held in locations across New Mexico
- Informational and non-adversarial
- Limited formal action



2025 Regular Session

Pre-file Period – January 2 through January 17

Opening Day – January 21 (noon)

Session Ends – March 22 (noon)

2025

Democrat: 26

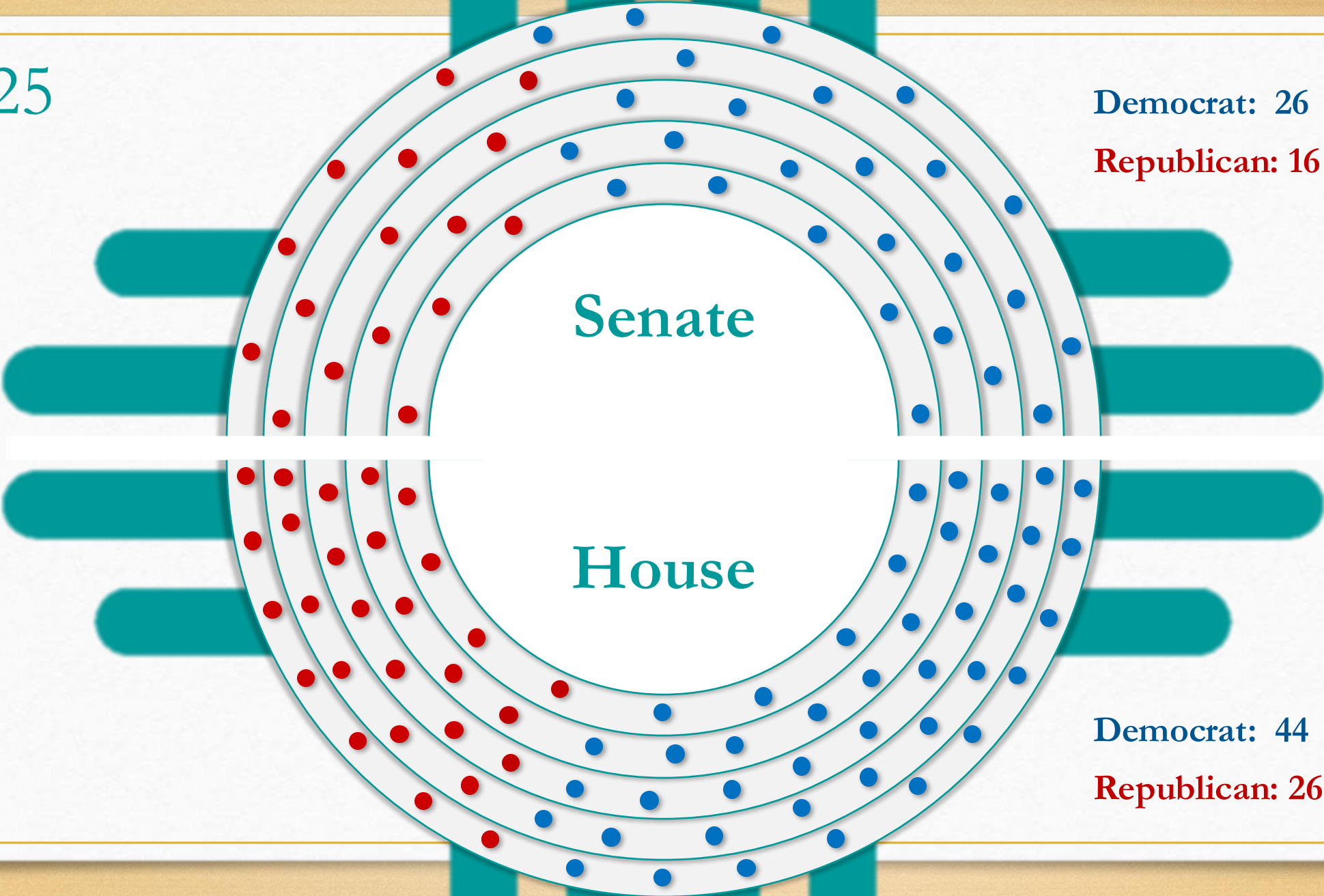
Republican: 16

Senate

House

Democrat: 44

Republican: 26



Resources

- Legislative website
 - www.nmlegis.gov
- Local print media
 - Santa Fe New Mexican
 - Albuquerque Journal
- Local online media
 - Source NM
 - NM Political Report

Questions?

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