

# SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

## BILL #4

SIXTY-NINTH SENATE

2025-2026

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Referred to: Rules, Credentials and Archives, and Finance

Date: 08/21/2025

Senate Action: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Signed:

LXIX-25-26

## AN ACT

AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE 2025-2026 ASNMSU CONSTITUTION. BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY.

### Section 1: Purpose of Act.

To amend Chapter 1 of the ASNMSU Constitution for reasons deemed necessary by the Summer 2025 Bylaw Committee. Amended with deleted material [in brackets] and inserted material underlined;

### Section 2: Main Provisions.

#### 1. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASNMSU

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#### 1-5. JUDICIAL

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##### 1-5-1. SUPREME AND INFERIOR COURTS

The judicial power of the ASNMSU shall be vested in the Supreme Court and inferior Courts of the ASNMSU ordained and established by the Senate of the ASNMSU. The Supreme Court of the ASNMSU shall be comprised of one (1) Chief Justice of the ASNMSU and four (4) Associate Justices of the ASNMSU. The four (4) Associate Justices of the ASNMSU shall be nominated by the [President] Chief Justice of the ASNMSU and confirmed by the Senate of the ASNMSU. [The four (4) Associate Justices of the ASNMSU shall be nominated with the consent of the Chief Justice of the ASNMSU.] All Justices of the ASNMSU shall be members of the ASNMSU, and no

person shall be nominated or appointed a justice of the Supreme Court of the ASNMSU who has not been a member of the ASNMSU for the spring or fall semester prior to their appointment. The Chief Justice [ and two (2) Associate Justices] of the ASNMSU shall be nominated by the outgoing President of the ASNMSU and confirmed at the spring semester's last Senate of the ASNMSU meeting. The terms of the [ remaining two (2)] Associate Justices of the ASNMSU shall be confirmed at the [last]first Senate of the ASNMSU meeting of the fall and spring semester. All the Supreme Court Justices of the ASNMSU shall serve a one (1) year term. When a vacancy occurs within the Supreme Court of the ASNMSU, the [President] Chief Justice of the ASNMSU, with the consent of the Senate of the ASNMSU, shall appoint a qualified member of the ASNMSU to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. A majority of the Justices of the ASNMSU shall constitute a quorum to render a decision.

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### Section 3: Rationale.

This bill will move the responsibility of hiring the ASNMSU Associate Justices from the ASNMSU President to the ASNMSU Chief Justice, as this is will reflect what is currently practiced.