

Ten bills invalidly vetoed by Gov. Susana Martinez are now law

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A judge [declined Martinez's effort](#) to keep the bills from becoming law while they appealed a [previous decision against Martinez](#)

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And shortly thereafter Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver announced she chaptered those ten bills into law (all ten are listed below).

“As ordered by the Court, my office has swiftly chaptered all ten of the bills that the Court determined were improperly vetoed during the 2017 legislative session,” Toulouse Oliver said in a statement.

The bills include the legalization of industrial hemp for research purposes at New Mexico State University as well as allowing a computer science class to count toward math requirements for high school graduation.

First Judicial District Court Judge Sarah Singleton found there would be no irreparable harm that would necessitate a stay.

“The possible harms are no different than what may occur when laws are repealed or amended in subsequent legislative sessions or when a court finds a statute unconstitutional after its implementation,” Singleton wrote.

The bills Singleton ruled improperly vetoed were split into two categories. In the first, Martinez vetoed the legislation within the constitutionally-allowed three-day period but provided no explanation of her “objections” as required by the state constitution. In the other, Martinez vetoed five bills on the same day she received them but did not explain her objections. The governor later sent “a blanket statement concerning all ten bills without a specific objection on any bills” according to the Legislature.

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opens the door to computer science education for high schoolers across the state, giving them the tools to compete in a 21st century, new collar economy. I'm glad it is finally the law of the land," Senator Jacob Candelaria, D-Albuquerque, said. Candelaria sponsored the bill along with Rep. Debra M. Sariñana, D-Albuquerque.

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