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Senate Republican Leader, Senator Greg Baca, Releases Statement on Controversial Election Bill, House Bill 4

SANTA FE — The Senate Judiciary Committee today advanced House Bill 4 on a party-line vote with all Republicans voting against the controversial measure. The bill makes major changes to the Election Code including the creation of a permanent absentee ballot list; automatic voter registration without consent; mandatory ballot drop boxes for all counties; and restored voting rights for felons still on probation or parole.

Senate Republican Leader, **Senator Greg Baca** (R-Belen), issued the following statement following the passage of the bill:

"Instead of crafting legislation to restore trust in our system, the Secretary of State and Democratic lawmakers are ramming through a bill that will further compromise election integrity. House Bill 4 puts convenience ahead of security, and felons' rights before the concerns of law-abiding New Mexicans. For good reasons, a majority of our county clerks do not support this legislation and I stand with them in strong opposition."

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