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## Mexican Energy Reforms Declared Constitutional

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Today, the Permanent Commission of Mexican Congress declared constitutional the energy reforms currently being processed by Mexican authorities. The reforms, which change the constitution, needed the approval of some of the heads of Mexican states.

The approval comes six days after the bill, which was proposed by President Enrique Peña Nieto, was approved by the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

There are 32 regional parliaments in the country, including those of the 31 Mexican states and the one Federal District. The endorsement of the leaders of 16 of these parliaments was required to make the bill constitutional.

The bill has received the endorsement of sufficient local government officials, securing the approval of the leaders of 24 Mexican states, including San Luis Potosí, Puebla, Querétaro, Sinaloa and the Estado de México.

Now the bill will be passed to the Executive branch of Mexican Congress to be signed off and published in the Official Gazette of the Mexican government. Also, the bill will soon be signed by Peña Nieto.

The reforms, which would allow privatization in Mexico's oil industry, propose changes to articles 25, 27 and 28 of the constitution.