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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE 4-Year House of Representatives Terms, CA SJR 18  
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### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	0	0	\$15.2	\$15.2	Nonrecurring	SOS Operating Budget

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 18 amends the New Mexico Constitution to extend terms of office of members of the House of Representatives from 2 years to 4 years for members elected to terms beginning January 1, 2017.

There are currently 5 states which have a 4 year term of office for house members: Alabama, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, and North Dakota.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Under Section 1-16-13 NMSA 1978 and the New Mexico constitution, the SOS is required to print samples of the text of each constitutional amendment, in both Spanish and English, in an amount equal to ten percent of the registered voters in the state. The SOS is also required to publish them once a week for four weeks preceding the election in newspapers in every county in the state. In 2014, the SOS estimated the cost per constitutional amendment to be \$15,217. However, if the ballot size is greater than one page, front and back, it would increase the cost of conducting the general election. In addition to the cost of the ballot, there will be added time for processing voters to vote and would mean additional ballot printing systems would be required to avoid having lines at voting convenience centers.

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