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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Rodriguez DATE TYPED: 03/07/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: NM Electoral System SB SM 25
 ANALYST: Woodlee

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Joint Memorial 54

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 25 expresses the commitment of the New Mexico State Senate to voting rights enforcement. It encourages the study and reform of the New Mexico electoral system and to encourage local governments to place more emphasis on elections administration.

Significant Issues

The memorial points out that the limited problems of New Mexico's 2000 general election are being resolved and that the election ran successfully due to the hard work of the thirty-three county clerks.

The memorial indicates that the New Mexico Senate is committed to the strict enforcement and extension of the federal Voting Rights Act. The memorial states that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 should be extended so that many of its provisions do not cease in 2007, and encourages the U.S. Congress to extend these provisions. The New Mexico Senate, according to the joint memorial, pledges that this type of harassment or disenfranchisement will not be tolerated in this state. The memorial indicates the commitment of the Senate to the study of electoral reform and encourages local governments to place more emphasis on election administration. A copy of the memorial is to be forwarded to the state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the New Mexico Hispanic Roundtable, the All Indian Pueblo Council, and the New Mexico Voter Services Coalition.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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There is no appropriation or significant fiscal implication associated with this memorial.

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