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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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 SHORT TITLE: Life Begins at Fertilization, CA SB SJR27  
 ANALYST: Esquibel

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
N/A					

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Attorney General’s Office (AG)  
 NM Health Policy Commission (HPC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 27 would amend Article II, Section 18 of the NM Constitution to provide that human life begins at the moment of fertilization and continues until natural death. In effect, the resolution confers due process and equal protection rights guaranteed under Article II, Section 18 from the moment of conception.

#### Significant Issues

The AG indicates SJR27 would be unconstitutional to the extent it abridged rights protected by the U.S. Constitution, including a woman’s right to choose abortion before fetal viability.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Additional funding would be necessary to implement the ballot measure for a constitutional amendment to be considered by the voters.

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