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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE: Session Law Distribution SB 25

ANALYST: Chavez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			Refer to Fiscal Implications Section		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State (SOS)
LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 25 proposes a change to the distribution of session laws from an automatic distribution to a distribution upon request.

Significant Issues

Current statute dictates that the Secretary of State must provide copies of session laws to the following individuals and entities:

- One copy to each New Mexico Supreme Court Justice;
- One copy to each New Mexico Court of Appeals Judge;
- One copy to each New Mexico District Court Judge;
- Five copies to the New Mexico Attorney General;
- Two copies to each New Mexico District Attorney;
- One copy to the Board of County Commissioners of each county;
- Additional copies to other state officers and agencies; and
- Copies to the New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No appropriation is contained in this bill. However the expenditures of the distribution of the session laws reside within the Secretary of State's operating budget. The Secretary of State suggests that it will be impossible to project budget cost with respect to the distribution of session laws if the distribution of session laws is based on request. An additional concern is that per volume cost will increase if a set number cannot be ordered.

The Secretary of State has a statutory duty to distribute session laws. Therefore, the general fund appropriation to the Secretary of State must provide enough resources to cover all possible costs for distributing session laws, whether required or based on request.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of State indicates that this bill will have a substantial impact on the Bureau of Elections (BOE) staff because requests will need to be taken and tracked.

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