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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Hurt DATE TYPED: 1/24/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Legislative Districting Convention SB SJR 1

ANALYST: Chavez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Attorney General's Office (AG)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 1 makes an application to Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution allowing states, like New Mexico, with a bicameral legislature to district members of one house of the state's legislature on factors other than population. The resolution proposes that the districting plan would only be effective if the plan is submitted to and approved by a vote of the electorate of that state.

Significant Issues

Article V of the United States Constitution provides for the amendment of the federal constitution. In the absence of 2/3 of both houses of Congress proposing an amendment, the legislature of 2/3 of the states can call a convention for such purpose. As an amendment to the federal constitution, the proposal would not be effective absent ratification by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

At this time there are no fiscal implications.

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