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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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

SHORT TITLE: Legislative Session Extension, CA SB SJR 4

ANALYST: Chavez

APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation Contained | | Estimated Additional Impact | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| FY03 | FY04 | FY03 | FY04 | | |
| | | | See Narrative | Recurring | General Fund |
| | | | \$40.0 | Non-Recurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Attorney General's Office (AG)
LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 4 proposes to amend Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution of New Mexico to allow regular sessions of the legislature to be extended for up to seven days upon joint certification to the governor by the speaker of the house and the president pro tempore of the senate.

Significant Issues

The resolution currently imposes no restrictions on the ability of the speaker of the house of representative and the president pro tempore of the senate to extend the regular session for up to seven days.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No appropriation is contained in this resolution. The impact on the General Fund will be dependent on the usage of the proposed amendment extending the regular session upon joint certification to the governor. Associated costs will include additional compensation of the legislators in accordance with Article IV, Section 10 of the New Mexico Constitution and compensation of

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additional staff support. The associated costs will depend on the number of days of the extension not to exceed seven days.

An estimated non-recurring cost to the general fund of \$40.0 is also expected because of the cost to the Secretary of State for advertising and printing to place an item on the ballot. The cost for advertising and printing varies with the length of the amendment. This non-recurring cost will likely be realized in FY 05 since the next general election is in November 2004.

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