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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE: Change Legislative Terms & Election Time, CA SB SJR 11/aSJC/aHVEC

ANALYST: Chavez

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			\$30.0 (FY 05)	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Attorney General's Office (AG)  
 Secretary of State (SOS)  
 Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)  
 LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HVEC Amendment

The House Voters and Elections Committee Amendment strikes the Senate Judiciary Amendments in their entirety. Thus, the effect of this amendment is to reinstate the original bill.

#### Synopsis of SJC Amendment

The Senate Judiciary Amendment increases the terms for Senators to six years instead of four years and provides that Senators elected in the general election of 2004 shall serve for terms of six years. Additionally, the amendment provides that elections for members of the House of Representatives shall not be held in the same year in which the governor is elected.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 11 amends Article IV, Section IV of the New Mexico Constitution providing for the following: (a) state Representatives to be elected for terms of four years commencing at the November 2004 general election; (b) Legislative elections will be held in off gubernatorial election years; and (c) incorporating NMSA 1978, Section 2-8D-4 (2002 Senate Redistrict-

ing Act) and NMSA 1978, Section 2-7C-5 (House 1991 Redistricting Act) covering the appointment process for vacancies in multi-county legislative seats into constitutional language.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No appropriation is contained in this bill. However, a \$30.0 non-recurring impact to the general fund will likely occur in FY 05 (the next general election is in November 04) for advertising and printing costs incurred by the Secretary of State for this ballot measure. The impact to the general fund will occur in the preceding fiscal year if a special election is called prior to November 04.

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