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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Hamilton DATE TYPED: 1/28/03 HB 210

SHORT TITLE: Exempt New Mexico from Daylight Time SB _____

ANALYST: Wilson

APPROPRIATION

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

Duplicates SB 164

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

Responses Received From
Attorney General's Office (AGO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 164 abolishes the observance of daylight savings time in New Mexico.

Significant Issues

The State of New Mexico currently goes on daylight savings time in April and returns to mountain standard time in October. With the exception of Arizona, the rest of the nation follows this changing of the clock. Every April New Mexico moves the clock forward one hour and therefore makes it lighter at the end of the day and darker in the early morning. Several groups, especially those in the agriculture industry, find it difficult to change and live under daylight savings time. There is also the burden of changing all the clocks twice a year. Other people prefer to have the light later in the evening and to be synchronized with the other 48 states.

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