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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Cordova DATE TYPED: 2/18/03 HB 382

SHORT TITLE: Supervision for Precinct Schools of Election SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State (SOS)
LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 382 amends Section 1-2-17 NMSA 1978 to permit the secretary of state to determine which counties with a population of one hundred thousand or more require supervision at precinct board election schools.

Significant Issues

The present statute mandates the secretary of state to supervise at precinct board election schools. According to the secretary of state (SOS) the Bureau of Elections staff is unable to attend election schools in all four Class A Counties. At the time the statute was written Bernalillo County was the only Class A County.

Because the last two weeks before an election is the most demanding time for the Bureau of Elections and because precinct board schools are scheduled during this time, the SOS is unable to send personnel capable of conducting schools to all four Class A Counties.

The current predicament with the secretary of states office can be minimized by altering the existing law to permit the secretary of state to have some discretion to determine which counties require supervision.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The bill may help alleviate some of the administrative problems that currently exist with the secretary of state regarding supervision of election schools in all 4 Class A Counties.

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