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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Sandoval DATE TYPED: 3/13/03 HB 1039  
 SHORT TITLE: National Political Party Convention Delegates SB \_\_\_\_\_  
 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

Secretary of State (SOS)  
LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1039 amends and adds a section of the Election Code to permit political parties to select presidential candidates by primary election or according to the selection procedures of their party.

The bill provides that if a *major* political party chooses *not to participate* in the presidential primary, the party is required to notify the secretary of state at least 30 days before the governor is to issue the proclamation of the primary election. The state chairman of a *major* political party that *does not participate* in the presidential primary is further required to certify to the secretary of state the names of the state party’s delegates to the party’s national convention and those delegates are required to file a declaration of acceptance.

A major political party is defined in Section 1-1-9 NMSA 1978 as “any qualified political party any of whose candidates received as many as five percent of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general election for the office of governor, or President of the United States, as the case may be and whose membership totals not less than one-third of one percent of the statewide registered voter file on the day of the governor’s primary election proclamation.”

### POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Should the selection procedures chosen by a party be approved by the Secretary of State?