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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Thompson DATE TYPED: 03/03/03 HB HJR 18/aHGUAC
 SHORT TITLE: Lieutenant Governor Appointment SB _____
 ANALYST: Chavez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			\$32.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of HGUAC Amendment

House Government and Urban Affairs Committee Amendment provides that a gubernatorial appointee to fill a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor shall not take office until confirmed by a majority vote of both houses of the legislature.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Joint Resolution 18 proposes to amend Article 5, Section 5 of the Constitution of New Mexico to provide that in case of a vacancy in the Office of Lieutenant Governor, the Governor shall fill the office by appointment.

Significant Issues

Currently, the Governor is required to nominate and with the consent of the Senate appoint all officers whose appointment or election is not otherwise provided for. Additionally, should a vacancy occur in any state office, *except* Lieutenant Governor and a member of the Legislature, the Governor is required to fill such office by appointment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

An estimated non-recurring cost to the general fund in the amount of \$32.0 is expected because of the cost to the Secretary of State for advertising and printing to place an item on the ballot. This non-recurring cost will likely be realized in FY 05 since the next general election is in November 2004 unless a special election is held.

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