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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: McSorley DATE TYPED: 2/16/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Boards of Regents Selection Process, CA SB SJR 18

ANALYST: L. Baca

APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

IDENTICAL TO: HJR 22

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution proposes amendments to the Article 12 of the Constitution of New Mexico to make changes in the selection process for boards of regents. The amendment would apply to all constitutional, public institutions except New Mexico School for the Deaf, the New Mexico Military Institute, the Northern New Mexico State School, or the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped.

Significant Issues

Senate Joint Resolution 18, if adopted by the voters, will change the number of regents from five to seven for the following institutions:

- Northern New Mexico Community College
- Eastern New Mexico University
- New Mexico Highlands University
- Western New Mexico University

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New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
New Mexico State University

One section (page 3) specifically directs the selection of the University of New Mexico Board of regents be deleted because the proposal covers all public universities.

SJR 18 provides that the boards of regents at each institution will consist of seven members, four of whom shall be qualified electors of the State of New Mexico,

- a. one of whom shall be a member of the student body of the institution, and
 - b. one of whom shall be a full-time, tenured member of the faculty of the institution,
 - c. no more than four (presently three) of whom at the time of their appointment shall be members of the same political party.
- 2) Length of terms for the qualified electors will remain at six years, the length of terms for the student and faculty regents will be two years.
 - 3) Selection by the governor, and with the consent of the senate, of the student and faculty members of the board of regents will be from lists provided by the president of the institution, who selects nominees from lists provided by the student body (presently student body presidents) and faculty senate president, respectively, of the institution.
 - 4) Provision is made for establishing staggered terms for the members.
 - 5) The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

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