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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Fox-Young DATE TYPED 01/26/05 HB 19

SHORT TITLE Absentee Ballots to Overseas Voters SB _____

ANALYST Ford

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to
HB 226

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Secretary of State

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 19 requires that absentee ballots be sent to a federal qualified elector or overseas voter as soon as possible after the request is received by the voter's county elections office.

House Bill 19 also reconciles multiple amendments by repealing laws 2003, Chapter 356, Section 18.

Significant Issues

This bill would apply to the absentee ballots of overseas voters and federal qualified electors. These categories include voters who are residing outside the United States but are still qualified to vote, and members of the armed services and their spouses who are away from their official residences because of their active service.

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The Secretary of State indicates that the requirements of the bill should not pose a burden to New Mexico's county clerks.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 226 also amends 1-6-4 NMSA 1978 by requiring the Secretary of State to furnish absentee ballot applications to the county clerks' offices and to require that absentee ballot applications be delivered by the county clerks' offices in person or by mail.

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