

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current FIRs (in HTML & Adobe PDF formats) are available on the NM Legislative Website (legis.state.nm.us). Adobe PDF versions include all attachments, whereas HTML versions may not. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Fox-Young DATE TYPED 01/26/05 HB 21

SHORT TITLE Allow Absentee Voting for 40 Days 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 19

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Secretary of State

SUMMARY

House Bill 21 extends the time an absentee voter may receive and mark an absentee ballot from 28 days before an election to 40 days before an election. The measure also allows a county clerk to mail an absentee ballot, or a notice of rejection, within 40 days of election day instead of the current 28 days.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 21 relates to House Bill 19, which 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.

EF/lg