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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/20/07

SPONSOR Fox-Young LAST UPDATED 3/14/07 HB 626/aHCPAC/aHVEC

SHORT TITLE 48-Hour Election Reporting SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Wilson

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

|              | FY07 | FY08  | FY09 | 3 Year<br>Total Cost | Recurring<br>or Non-Rec | Fund<br>Affected |
|--------------|------|-------|------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total</b> |      | \$0.1 |      | \$0.1                | Recurring               | General<br>Fund  |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HVEC Amendment

The House Voters and Election Committee amendment adds that the number of each ballot type used shall be adjusted upon certification of the canvass.

#### Synopsis of HCPAC Amendment

The House Consumer and Public Affairs amendment changes the requirement that a county clerk must transmit information to the Secretary of State (SOS) within 24 hours to within 48 hours of the closing of the polls.

The amendment also changes the requirement for the SOS to report the number of each type of ballot cast statewide from 48 hours to 72hours within the closing of the polls.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 626 adds a new section to the Election Code requiring the county clerk shall determine the number of each type of ballot cast in the election in that county and within 24 hours of the closing of the polls, transmit the information to the Secretary of State (SOS).

The SOS shall report the number of each type of ballot cast statewide within 48 hours of the closing of the polls.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The SOS and the county clerks will claim they need additional resources to provide the results in a timely manner.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

New Mexico as well as several other states has had problems reporting election results in a timely manner to the candidates and to the public.

This bill attempts to rectify the problem but does not offer any resources to the SOS and county clerks. In addition there are no penalties for failing to comply with the provisions of this bill.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

When elections are being held this bill's requirement will have significant administration impact on the SOS and the county clerks.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

What penalties are appropriate for an elected official who fails to comply with the Election Code?

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