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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/21/07

SPONSOR Lopez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Candidate Withdrawal Requirements SB 671

ANALYST Leger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 342

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the Attorney General (AGO)

Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 671 amends Section 1-8-9 NMSA 1978 and Section 1-8-44 NMSA 1978 of the Election Code by requiring that a candidate who wishes to withdraw from a primary or general election file a signed and notarized statement of withdrawal with the Secretary of State's office.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the AGO, the bill would clarify what is required to constitute a candidate withdrawal from a general or primary election. The issue of what constituted a candidate withdrawal under current state law was recently raised.

This bill clarifies the procedure for a candidate wishing to withdraw their candidacy.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 342

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The requirements of what constitutes a candidate withdrawal from a general or primary election will not be explicitly stated in statute.

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