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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/14/07

SPONSOR Rawson LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE County Inclusion of Municipality of Chaparral SB 1052

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1052 makes an appropriation to the Department of Finance and Administration and the Local Government Division to conduct a study that would identify which county would be most appropriate for the inclusion of the community of Chaparral, New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Chaparral, NM is one of the largest unincorporated towns in the state of New Mexico with a population (2000 Census) of 6,117. Chaparral is located 22 miles south of Las Cruces via Interstate 10 near the border between Dona Ana County and Otero County.

Chaparral is divided along the county lines of Otero County and Dona Ana County. Services are

provided for the community by each of these counties since the community is not incorporated and does not have the management structure to provide services to the area. Students that are currently high school age attend Gadsden High School located in Anthony, New Mexico. In addition, the mid-high and elementary schools in Chaparral are a part of the Gadsden school district which is an element of Dona Ana County.

Although Chaparral has a moderate tax base, property and gross receipts, the study will need to determine the financial impact to each county from a revenue position as well as the impact to public school revenues.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SB 1052 contains language that directs the appropriation to be utilized to complete a study that would extrapolate all the critical issues surrounding the community of Chaparral. The information that is generated should determine the future of the community.

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