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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/08/10

SPONSOR McSorley LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Change Marriage License Forms SB 146

ANALYST Wilson

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$5.0-\$15.0			Nonrecurring	General Fund and local county funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 121, HJM 33, HJR 8, SB 183 & SJR 1

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

No Response Received From

County Clerks Affiliate of the Association of Counties

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 146 amends Section 40-1-18 NMSA 1978 as follows:

- The Application for Marriage License is amended by changing the words "Bride" and "Groom" to "Applicant."
- The Marriage Certificate is amended by deleting the words "the Holy Bonds of Matrimony" and substituting in lieu thereof "marriage"

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be an administrative cost for the county clerks and affected state agencies for updated marriage licenses, distribution and documentation of statutory changes.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In this bill the application forms for marriage will be gender neutral.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The affected state and local agencies will have to handle the provisions in this bill with existing resources.

RELATIONSHIP

SB 146 relates to:

- HB 121, Marriage Defined
- HJM 33, Study Domestic Partnership Law Implications
- HJR 8, Marriage Defined
- SB 183, Domestic Partnerships
- SJR 1, Marriage Defined

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The AGO notes on page 2, line 10, the bill indicates the addition of the terms “Applicant 1” and “Applicant 2” in the form marriage license application, but does not show the language to be deleted from the current law.

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