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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/01/12

SPONSOR Picraux LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 83

SHORT TITLE Nomination of Major Party PRC Candidates SB \_\_\_\_\_

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

	FY12	FY13	FY14	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Public Regulation Commission  
Attorney General's Office  
Secretary of State

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 83 amends Section 1-8-21(A) NMSA 1978 to require public regulation commissioner candidates seeking primary election nomination to file declarations of candidacy.

Section 1-8-21.1(A) NMSA 1978 is amended to allow State conventions of major political parties to designate candidates for nomination to the public regulation commissioner.

Section 1-8-26 NMSA 1978 is amended to require declarations of candidacy by preprimary convention designation for the office of public regulation commissioner to be filed with the proper filing officer on the second Tuesday in February of each even-numbered year between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Section 1-8-29 NMSA 1978 amends the declaration of candidacy form to include the candidates of public regulation commission submit in the declaration of candidacy form that they reside at the address designated on their certificate of voter registration.

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Section 1-8-33(B) NMSA 1978 is amended to require candidates for public regulation commission to have nominating petitions signed by at least two percent of the total vote of the candidate's party in the public regulation commission district.

Section 1-8-33(D) NMSA 1978 is amended to add that a candidate who fails to receive the preprimary convention designation that the candidate sought may collect additional signatures to total at least four percent of the total vote of the candidate's party in the public regulation commission district, and file a new declaration of candidacy and nominating petitions for the office for which the candidate failed to receive a preprimary designation.

Section 1-8-39.1(A) NMSA 1978 is amended to add that not later than six days after the dates for filing declarations of candidacy by preprimary convention designation, the secretary of state shall certify to the chair of each state political party the names of that party's candidates for office of public regulation commissioner.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

See administrative implications.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The responding agencies report there are no significant issues for each agency.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

There may be a minimal impact to the administrative budget of the Secretary of State related to the additional filing requirements contained in the bill.

### **RELATIONSHIP**

HJR11 PRC Commissioner Qualifications  
HJR14 and SB 249 PRC Appointment & Retention  
SJR2 PRC Commission Members

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