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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/30/12

SPONSOR Lopez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Probate Court Copy and Certification Fees SB 224

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REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13	FY14		
	Unknown	Unknown	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate bill 224 amends Section 34-7-15 NMSA 1978 to add and increase certain Probate Court copying and certification fees. The bill would increase fees for making copies of records or papers to \$1.00 per page, increase the fee for certificate and seal authenticating any paper as a true and correct copy from \$.50 to \$1.00 and it would impose a fee of \$3.00 for authentication of a paper with a triple seal.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to the AOC, new probate court copying and certification fees and increases to current fees will offset the increased costs of paper and staff time involved in providing these services and which are currently not reimbursed.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The AOC reports that the collecting and processing of the new fees will increase probate court workload to a limited extent.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

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