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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/14/13

SPONSOR Brown LAST UPDATED _____ HM 102

SHORT TITLE Study Current Voter ID Statutes SB _____

ANALYST Chavez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 102 (HM 102) requests that the Secretary of State (SOS) study the effect of New Mexico's current voter identification statutes on voters who may be disenfranchised through misidentification errors caused by long signature rosters at early voting sites and voting convenience centers.

The SOS is also requested to study the effects of the use of voting convenience centers and that the findings of the study be presented to the New Mexico Legislative Council for distribution to the entire legislative body by February 1, 2014.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HM 102 expresses concern with inconsistencies during the 2012 election cycle due to the current method of voting at voting convenience centers, wherein an eligible voter can give a name, registration address and date of birth in order to vote. The memorial reports that errors were made at the precinct level in selecting the correct name from the long list of voters, consequently disenfranchising some voters.

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