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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total			\$50.0- \$100.0	\$50.0- \$100.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

HJR7 relates to HJR8, State Ethics Commission, CA

# SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Resolution 7 (HJR7) proposes amending Article 4, Section 11 of the New Mexico Constitution to allow the Legislature to resolve that an independent entity may investigate state legislators' conduct and recommend discipline.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 1-16-13 NMSA 1978 requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to print the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment, in both Spanish and English, in an amount equal to 10 percent of the registered voters in the state. The SOS is also constitutionally required to publish the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment once a week for four weeks preceding the election in newspapers in every county in the state. LFC staff estimate each constitutional amendment may cost from fifty thousand dollars to one hundred thousand dollars (\$50,000-\$100,000) in printing and advertising costs based on 2016 actual expenditures.

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