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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

Original Amendment
Correction Substitute

Date 1/28/2024

Bill No: HB 242

Sponsor: Gallegos & Ivey-Soto

Agency Name
and Code
Number:

Secretary of State, 370

MARRIAGE &
DIVORCE CHANGES

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Bill 242 clarifies the process of solemnization, licensure and contracts for marriage; provides definitions; allows appearance by remote communication technology for the issuance of a marriage license for uniformed services members who are deployed or on active duty; provides forms; provides dissolution of marriage on grounds of the marriage being void, voidable or invalid; amends fees; prescribes marriage recording and indexing guidelines; amends penalties; revises terms that describe parties to a marriage; clarifies property rights; and amends, repeals and enacts sections of chapter 40 NMSA 1978.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In New Mexico, marriage licensing occurs in County Clerks offices and not at the Secretary of State's Office. However, the SOS understands this to be a priority of County Clerks that would aid in the administration of these licenses and ultimately in the administration of their offices as a whole.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS