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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 2/2/2024

Bill No: SB 137

Sponsor: Stewart & Soules

Agency Name
and Code
Number:

Secretary of State, 370

SCHOOL BOARD
TRAINING

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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: An adopted Senate Education Committee (SEC) amendment to Senate Bill 137 added a change to 1-22A-3 NMSA 1978 that increases the amount raised or expended by candidate that requires reporting from \$500 to \$1,000.

Another adopted amendment from the SEC added clarifying language to the sixty-day prohibition on termination of superintendent after the election of a new school board.

Senate Bill 137 amends the School District Campaign Reporting Act and increases the total amount of expenditures or contributions required to be a candidate under the act from \$500 to \$1,000. It further amends the definition of “covered office” by removing the requirement that the school board position be representative of a district of at least 12,000 students.

The bill requires school board members to attend 10 hours of training during their first year of their first term of office in the following areas: laws and policies impacting school boards, public school financing and budgeting, effective governance practices and superintendent management, legal concepts pertaining to governance, student achievement and student support services. School board members would also be required to attend five hours of training from a list of specified topics each year after the first year of their first term.

Section 2 of the bill amends existing school support and accountability systems to include the number of hours of attended training by school board members and whether they met statutory requirements.

The bill also adds a new section to Chapter 22, Article 5 NMSA 1978 that prohibits school boards from terminating a superintendent within 60 days of a newly elected board.

SB 137’s final section requires the webcasting of school board meetings and posting of recordings and minutes on school district websites within one week of a meeting. The recordings and documents shall be publicly available for three years pursuant to an amendment adopted in the Senate Education Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The election of school board members occurs in November of odd-numbered years as part of the Regular Local Election. In 2023, 61 school board candidates filed campaign finance reports in the statewide Campaign Finance System (CIFIS). If the bill passes, the number of school board candidate filers is expected to increase in 2025. However, the Secretary of State's Office believes the potential administrative work associated with this increase could be absorbed by existing resources, and no enhancements would be needed to existing systems.

Full funding of elections staff is necessary to keep up with the volume of work associated with all the statutory duties supported by the office.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

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

The amendments adopted in the Senate Education Committee do not change the analysis of the campaign reporting changes provided for the original bill.