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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB 208

Original Correction

Amendment Substitute

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**Agency Name
and Code
Number:**

Secretary of State - 370

Sponsor: Mark Duncan

HUNTING & FISHING
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected

Total						
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(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:

SB 208 amends the Election Code to provide for qualified elector applying for a hunting or fishing license to register to vote at the Department of Game and Fish.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Game and Fish reports that it serves hundreds of thousands of hunters and anglers each year. Should SB 208 pass, the state would have another opportunity to reach eligible New Mexicans with election information and register them to vote.

The Secretary of State’s Office (SOS) has existing authority in 1-4-48 NMSA 1978 to “designate other state and local public offices to provide voter registration services with the agreement of those offices,” and the office is willing to work with the department to establish voter registration processes pursuant to those provisions.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

A January 1, 2026 effective date would better provide for the amount of time required to successfully and securely implement voter registration at the department.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Should HB 208 pass, the SOS will have additional administration duties associated with education and compliance. The full funding of the SOS’s budget request is necessary to keep up with the volume of work associated with all of the statutory duties supported by the office.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Related to SB 5.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS