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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/23/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SJM1

Original X Correction
Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Natalie Figueroa, Sen. Harold Pope

Agency Name and Code Number: 305 - New Mexico Department of Justice

Short Title: SJM1 UNIFORM REDISTRICTING CRITERIA

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Table with columns: Appropriation (FY26, FY27), Recurring or Nonrecurring, Fund Affected. Values: N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Table with columns: Estimated Revenue (FY26, FY27, FY28), Recurring or Nonrecurring, Fund Affected. Values: N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: The bill is a Joint Memorial urging the US Congress to pass legislation that would “establish and require uniform redistricting criteria for Congressional seats” nationwide.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SM1 is identical

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Article 1, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution states that “*The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of choosing Senators.*” This Elections Clause has been interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court as giving states primary responsibility for redistricting, subject to Congress’s ability to create federal rules.

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS