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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Campos	DATE TYPED:	02/15/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Extend Date of Special Election			SB	148/aSEC/aHVEC
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	NA				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HVEC Amendment

This amendment is identical to the amendment attached to the bill in SEC.

Synopsis of SEC Amendment

This amendment changes the date by which to postpone any necessary special election of technical-vocational institute board members to coincide with the school district elections of 2001.

Synopsis of Bill

This bill modifies the Technical-Vocational Institute Act to postpone any necessary special election until no later than July 1, 2001. Under current law, a special election must be held for any board with members not having been elected from single-member districts. Institutions governed by the Act are Albuquerque TVI, Mesa Technical College and Luna Vocational Technical Institute.

Significant Issues

According to the CHE, Luna Vocational Technical Institute's taxing district is comprised of several separate public school districts. Until 1998, the local school boards that participated in the Luna district each appointed an individual to serve on the Luna board. However, after a review by both the State Auditor's office and the Attorney General, it was determined that Luna must have a locally elected board. As a result, Luna held an election for five at-large board members from anywhere in the Luna district. Some of the

participating public school districts became concerned that with all at-large positions, they would lose representation since the majority of the population is in Las Vegas, not in some of the smaller school districts. As a result, the Legislature amended the Act during the 1999 session to require single-member districts rather than at-large positions. Luna has already completed the districting process and will be required to hold another election to elect board members from these districts.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The impact of this bill is indeterminate , however should the bill pass, Luna will avoid the expense of two elections in two years.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to the CHE, a benefit of implementation is reducing the cost to Luna of holding two elections over the next two year. If this bill is not enacted, the turnover in board membership could seriously jeopardize the stability of the institution.

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