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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Vernon	DATE TYPED:	02/11/99	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Municipal Runoff Elections, CA			SB	SJR 1/aSPAC/aSFL#1
				ANALYST:	Woodlee

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
		\$ 17.0		Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HJR 2 and SJR 3

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Senate Floor Amendment

Senate Floor Amendment 1 to SJR 1 strikes the SPAC amendment; but the effect remains essentially the same effect. The amendment clarifies that the majority vote of qualified electors will occur during a regular municipal election. The new section also allows for municipalities to have runoff elections if the municipality's charter provides for runoff elections and has not been amended.

### Synopsis of Senate Public Affairs Amendment

The SPAC amendment strikes the Senate Rules Committee amendment and inserts a new section that allows for municipalities to have runoff elections if the municipality's charter provides for runoff elections and has not been amended. In addition, runoff elections are allowed by a charter amendment adopted by a majority of the qualified electors at a municipal election..

### Synopsis of Senate Rules Amendment

The SRC amendment to SJR 1 allows a municipality that has adopted a charter pursuant to Article 10, Section 6 of the constitution may provide for runoff elections by a charter amendment adopted by a majority of the qualified electors. The bill previously only allowed municipalities to adopt a run-off election by ordinance.

### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 1 proposes to amend Article 7 of the constitution of New Mexico to allow municipalities to conduct runoff elections by ordinance.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The bill does not appropriate funds. However, there is a \$17.0 fiscal impact on the general fund because constitutional amendments must be printed and advertised by law. This is a non-recurring expenditure.

## **CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP**

House Joint Resolution 2 also calls for the allowance of municipal runoff elections.

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