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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/10/2006

SPONSOR Arnold-Jones LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 831

SHORT TITLE Unofficial Election Results Releases SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST McOlash

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	None		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Secretary of State (SOS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 831 proposes new material and amendments to section 1-12-30 and 1-12-38 NMSA 1978 proposing to prohibit precinct board members, absent voter precinct board members, county clerks, Secretary of State or any other election official from disclosing the unofficial results of an election until twenty-four hours after the closing of the polls.

The bill also extends the time for County Clerks to report unofficial total returns to the Secretary of State from ten to twenty-four hours. The bill also emphasizes the need for “machine-printed” returns, not just “printed” returns, for unofficial election results,

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

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