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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/2006

SPONSOR McCoy LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB HJR004

SHORT TITLE Limit City-County Merger Elections, CA SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST McOlash

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Secretary of State (SOS)

Attorney General's Office (AOG)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes to amend Article 10, Section 11 of the New Mexico Constitution limiting the city/county charter commission elections to be held in conjunction with the General Election and barring the appointment of charter commissions after January 1, 2011. HJR 4 would also prohibit another vote on a proposed charter for a single urban government, which has twice not received a majority vote, from two years to five years after the second failed election

The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Bernalillo County Clerk has estimated the cost of a special election at about \$550,000.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

It would appear that Albuquerque/Bernalillo County could conduct another charter election in 2009 within the proposed five-year limitation. The 2009 election would be final since the next election could not be conducted for another five years, three years beyond the proposed timeline.

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