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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/04/06

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Eliminate County Officer Term Limits, CA SJR 5/aSJC

ANALYST Baca

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SJC Amendment

The Senate Judiciary Committee amendment strikes the word “may” and inserts the term “shall”, so that the section amended now reads:

The proposal may provide that the county [~~may~~] shall either

- 1) eliminate the provision making county officials ineligible to hold any county office for two years after serving two consecutive terms; or
- (2) increase the number of consecutive terms all county officers may serve before becoming ineligible to hold any county office for two years.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 5 proposes to amend Article 10, Section 2 of the New Mexico State Constitution to a county’s voters to choose to change or eliminate term limits for county officials. If adopted by both houses of the Legislature, this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval at the next general election or any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact on the general fund. Any resolution adopted by the county commissioner for submission to the voters is take place during a general election any costs associated with the referendum should be minimal.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SJR 5 provides that, by a majority vote, county commissioners may submit for voter approval a resolution to change or eliminate term limits for county officials. The proposal may provide that the county may either

- 1) eliminate the provision making county officials ineligible to hold any county office for two years after serving two consecutive terms; or
- (2) increase the number of consecutive terms all county officers may serve before becoming ineligible to hold any county office for two years.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Administration and implementation of the provisions of this bill will be the responsibility of county election officials.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If this bill is not enacted, the existing limitation of two consecutive terms for elected county officials will continue.

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