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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino

SHORT TITLE Appointment of Lieutenant Governor      SJR 9/aSRC/aHVEC

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### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

|              | FY07 | FY08    | FY09 | 3 Year<br>Total Cost | Recurring<br>or Non-Rec | Fund<br>Affected |
|--------------|------|---------|------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total</b> |      | Minimal |      |                      |                         | General<br>Fund  |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HVEC Amendment

The House Voters and Elections Committee amendment strikes the Senate Rules Committee amendments.

#### Synopsis of SRC Amendment

Senate Rule Committee amendment removes the provision that required consent of both houses of the legislature when a governor fills a vacancy to the office of Lieutenant Governor and replaces it with a provision that requires consent of the Senate.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 9 proposes to amend Article 5 of constitution of New Mexico to provide that, in the case of a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointment with the consent of the both the House and the Senate.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Secretary of State may incur additional expenses to place this proposal on the ballot at the next general election. The exact costs are unknown but should be minimal.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Article 5, Section 5 provides for the Governor's power to make appointments to state offices with the exception of a vacancy in the Office of Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. Article 5, Section 7 provides for succession to the governorship.

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