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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/08

SPONSOR Rehm LAST UPDATED _____ HB 263

SHORT TITLE Sheriff's Fees for Service of Process SB _____

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REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09	FY10		
		Indeterminable		Local Counties

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 263 amends Section 4-41-16, regarding the sheriffs of New Mexico collection of fees and compensation for serving process, to increase the fee from \$30 to \$40 for serving every writ, citation, order, subpoena or summons.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Sheriff offices can charge anyone, except the state or any state agency, for serving legal papers such as subpoena or summons in a civil action. Fees collected for service of process go directly into the affected county's general fund. This fee increase will result in an increase of such revenue, but estimates of the amount of such revenue increase are not yet available

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Private Citizens who initiate the service of process by the state's sheriffs could be charged an additional \$10 dollars.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo.

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