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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/28/08

SPONSOR Martinez, K. LAST UPDATED 1/31/08 HB 438/aHVEC

SHORT TITLE Electronic Campaign Report Filing and Searching SB _____

ANALYST Ortiz

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$176.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB250

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act, Section 7, Subsections 18 and 19.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Association of County Clerks (ACC)
 Department of Information Technology (DOIT)
 Secretary of State (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HVEC Amendment

The House Voters and Elections Committee amendment adds an emergency clause to make the act take effect immediately.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 438 appropriates \$176 thousand from the GENERAL FUND to the Office of the Secretary of State to enhance the usability of the political finance reporting system, including electronic filing capabilities, electronic signature authentication and an internet-based, searchable database to access and search for information in campaign finance reports.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This appropriation duplicates the General Appropriation Act, Section 7, Subsections 18 and 19.

Specifically, Subsection 18 appropriates \$176.5 thousand to the Secretary of State for knowledgebase campaign reporting system to include records management, area code changes and Help America Vote Act voter identification requirements. Subsection 19 extends the period of time for the Secretary of State to expend \$112 thousand to complete the implementation of trademark, agricultural lien and campaign reporting modules of the knowledgebase application.

The appropriation of \$176 thousand contained in this bill is a NON RECURRING expense to the GENERAL FUND. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FISCAL YEAR 2009 shall revert to the GENERAL FUND.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Association of County Clerks point out that the vendor that currently provides the type of system indentified in the bill is the same vendor as the on that provides New Mexico its voting machines and the statewide voter registration systems, and the vendor has proved to be highly unreliable with both these products. Purchasing another product and service from this vendor could also be a possible monopoly.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB250, Quarterly Campaign Finance Report Filing, which revises the time and date of filing.

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