FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR James	**ORIGINAL DATE** 02/15/11 **LAST UPDATED**	**HJR** 19
SHORT TITLE Employee Represented Secret Ballot Vote, CA		**SB**
	ANALYST Wilson	

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		$104.0				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Resolution 19 proposes to amend the constitution of New Mexico to provide that the right to vote by secret ballot for employee representation is fundamental and shall be guaranteed where local, state or federal law permits or requires elections, designations or authorizations for employee representation.

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

According to the SOS in 2010, the Constitutional Amendments placed on the ballot are very costly. The previous 2008 General Election had 5 Constitutional Amendments that cost the State of New Mexico over $520,000. Each amendment cost approximately $104,000. These amendments have to be published in English and Spanish in a major recognized newspaper in every county statewide.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The secret ballot is a right in all primary and general elections. If passed, this right would be extended to union elections.

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