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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Uphold & Use U.S. & State Laws, CA SJR 18  
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### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$104.0		\$104.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 18 proposes to amend the Constitution by adding a new section to Article 6 which would require New Mexico courts to uphold and adhere to the United States and New Mexico Constitutions, statutes, rules and common law and, if necessary, the laws of other states; to prohibit New Mexico courts from considering legal precepts of other nations or cultures, international law, laws promulgated by foreign governments or national laws of foreign countries if the legal precepts or laws would violate New Mexico public policy or the rights of New Mexico residents; and to prohibit New Mexico courts from considering or applying Sharia law.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of State (SOS) has stated that although the county clerk includes the proposed amendments in his/her proclamation, it is the responsibility of the State to pay for the costs associated with the publication per Section 1-16-11 NMSA 1978. The approximate cost per constitutional amendment is \$104,000. That estimate is used in the table above.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The provisions of the new section would apply to all cases before the respective courts, including, but not limited to, cases of first impression.

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