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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/06/14

SPONSOR Ivey-Soto LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE No New School Activity Without Funding SJR 15

ANALYST Daly

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	FY15	FY16	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		>\$46.0		>\$46.0	Nonrecurring	Election Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 15 proposes to amend the Constitution to expand to school districts and charter schools the prohibition in Article 10 Section 8 that prohibits state rules or regulations that mandate new or increased activity or service from having the force of law unless funding for those mandates is provided. The resolution is to be submitted for approval by the people of the state in the next general election (this coming November).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Under Section 1-16-13 NMSA 1978 and the NM constitution, the SOS is required to print samples of the text of each constitutional amendment, in both Spanish and English, in an amount equal to ten percent of the registered voters in the state. The SOS is also required to publish them once a week for four weeks preceding the election in newspapers in every county in the state. In 2012, the cost for the 2012 General Election ballots was \$46,000 per constitutional amendment. However, if the ballot size is greater than one page, front and back, it would increase the cost of conducting the general election. In addition to the cost of the ballot, there will be added time for processing voters to vote and would mean additional ballot printing systems would be required to avoid having lines at voting convenience centers.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Section 8 of Article 10, which currently applies only to counties and cities, was passed by the voters in 1984.

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