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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Smith/Candelaria ORIGINAL DATE 2/14/17
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB 297

SHORT TITLE School District Campaign Reporting Dates SB _____

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

House Bill 297 relates to the House Local Government, Elections, Land Grants & Cultural Affairs Committee substitute for House Bill 174, Local Election Act.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Responses Not Received From
 Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 297 (HB297) proposes to amend the School District Campaign Reporting Act, Section 1-22A-2 NMSA 1978, to define an election cycle as a period beginning 30 days after an election and ending 30 days following the subsequent election. The bill also proposes to amend the reporting requirements of candidates to two reports within the election cycle; by midnight on the twenty-first day before the election, and on the thirtieth day following the election.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not include an appropriation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Secretary of State's Office (SOS) notes current law now requires school board candidates to file a report in April which is approximately two months after their election has occurred. Under the provisions of the bill, disclosures of all contributions and expenditures would be required before and right after the election providing greater relevance and transparency of the reported information to the public.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of States Office (SOS) notes if the legislation is enacted, the SOS would update educational and outreach materials with the new reporting requirements to assist candidates.

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