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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ivey-Soto **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/02/19 **LAST UPDATED** 2/18/19 **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Intimate Partner Violence Survivor Suffrage **SB** 190/aSJC
ANALYST Glenn

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See Fiscal Implications				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB55, HB57, HB84, HB86, HB93, HB292, HB407, SB52

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG)
Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SJC Amendment

The Senate Judiciary Committee amendment to Senate Bill 190 makes a non-substantive change to the first sentence of Section 7(A) of the bill by striking the words "Voted ballots" and replacing them with "A voted ballot".

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 190 creates the Intimate Partner Violence Survivor Suffrage Act in the Election Code. The Act provides for procedures under which a survivor of domestic violence who participates in the Confidential Substitute Address Program, Sections 40-13B-1 to -9 NMSA 1978, may, if eligible, qualified and certified, vote in statewide and special elections while all personal information relating to the voter remains confidential and not accessible to the public.

Under SB 190, participants in the Confidential Substitute Address Program who are qualified voters would vote by mailed absentee ballots or mailed ballots. SOS would assign each voter-participant a random identifier and a verification code for use on the ballots in place of the

voter's identification and signature. SB190 includes procedures for processing voter-participant ballots by the county clerks.

SB190 requires SOS to maintain voter-participant registration records in a secured module. The registration records would not appear in the voter file or the county voter list and would not be accessible by any county user or the public. SOS also is required to maintain a register of voter-participants, which would serve as a supplement to the applicable county register.

In a court proceeding related to an election, SB190 allows the judge to permit in-camera inspection of a voter-participant's voter registration information and information related to participation in the Confidential Substitute Address Program.

SB190 makes conforming amendments to the Confidential Substitute Address Act.

The effective date of SB 190 is July 1, 2019.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB190 amends the Confidential Substitute Address Act to require SOS to appoint an administrator to manage the Confidential Substitute Address Program's election component created by SB190. SOS states that hiring the administrator required by the bill will increase personnel costs.

SOS notes that there may be increased costs to SOS from the need to create a process for the generation of identifiers and verification codes required by the bill and enhancements to the statewide voter registration system.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB190 relates to:

- HB55 Agreement to Elect President by Popular Vote
- HB57 Restore Felon Voting Rights
- HB84 Auto Voter Registration at MVD & Elsewhere
- HB86 Election Day & Early Voting Registration
- HB93 Primary Election Participation by DTS Voters
- HB292 Early Voting Voter Privacy
- HB407 Elections Laws 50-Year Tune-Up
- SB52 Register to Vote Three Days Prior to Election

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