

BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT REPORT
Taxation and Revenue Department

February 7, 2024

Bill: SB-108, as amended by SFC

Sponsor: Senators George K. Muñoz and Nancy Rodriguez

Short Title: Distribution to Election Fund

Description: Section 2 of this bill creates a distribution in the Tax Administration Act specifying that at the end of a fiscal year and after all other money has been deposited in the Election Fund for that fiscal year using Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 (administration of the Suspense Fund), a distribution will be made to bring the Election Fund to a balance of \$20 million.

The *Senate Finance Committee* amendment changes the distribution previously provided for to a transfer from the general fund to the election fund of the lesser of the certified amount of the total costs to administer the election or \$15 million.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

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Estimated Revenue Impact*					R or NR**	Fund(s) Affected
FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028		
--	(Maximum \$15,000)	--	(Maximum \$15,000)	--	R	General Fund
--	Maximum \$15,000	--	Maximum \$15,000	--	R	Election Fund

* In thousands of dollars. Parentheses () indicate a revenue loss. ** Recurring (R) or Non-Recurring (NR).

Methodology for Estimated Revenue Impact: The fiscal impact is based on a transfer to the Election Fund 120 days after the November 2024 election and after the November 2026 election. Other special elections may occur outside of this election schedule.

Policy Issues: The transfer proposed by this bill aims at maintaining sufficient funds for costs incurred for elections. This would establish a consistent fund balance for budgeting election costs.

Technical Issues: None.

Other Issues: None.

Administrative & Compliance Impact: This bill has no administrative impact for the Taxation and Revenue Department.