



**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	None	None	None	None	None	None

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act  
Proposed amendments to NMSA § 1-6-9 of the Election Code.

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

SB229 amends NMSA §§ 1-6-9 of the Election Code. SB229 changes the required frequency in which ballots must be collected from secured containers from at least every three (3) days and on election day after polls close to every twenty-four (24) hours (p. 4). The only persons who may now collect the ballots are teams of two (2) members of the election board who are not members of the same political party (p. 4). SB229 also requires that ballots get collected at 7:00pm on election day, allowing for voters who are still in line to deposit their ballots (p. 4).

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No known fiscal impact is anticipated for the Regulation and Licensing Department (“RLD”).

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

The changes made by the bill revise § 1-6-9 NMSA 1978

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

**ALTERNATIVES**

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo.

**AMENDMENTS**