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### FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Lyons	DATE TYPED:	01/24/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Special Irrigation District Elections			SB	59
				ANALYST:	Pickering

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		Affected
		see narrative		Recurring	Other

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

Office of the State Engineer/Interstate Stream Commission (OSE/ISC)

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

SB59 amends Section 73-9-5 NMSA 1978 to provide special irrigation districts with the ability to conduct ballot elections by mail. The bill allows landowners to receive and return ballots by mail.

## **SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

SB59 will enable irrigation district landowners to vote by mail which may lead to higher voter turn out. According to NMDA, there are provisions in the law which allow mail in elections for other entities.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The bill does not contain an appropriation. The cost to conduct election will be the responsibility of the county.

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