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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Bandy ORIGINAL DATE 1/28/16  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HJR 7

SHORT TITLE School Elections with Other Elections, CA SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Jorgensen

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

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$104.0	NFI	\$104.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Secretary of State (SOS)

No Responses Received From  
Association of County Clerks

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Resolution 7 proposes to amend Article 7 the New Mexico Constitution to strike a provision prohibiting school elections from being held at the same time as other elections.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of State estimates the total cost of adding a constitutional amendment to the general election ballot to be \$104 thousand based on actual 2010 expenditures.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the SOS, if HJR 2 is adopted by Legislature and approved by the electorate, the School Election Law, Article 22 of the Election Code, must be amended. Section 1-22-3 states a regular school district election shall be held in each school district on the first Tuesday in February of each odd-year numbered year. Furthermore, the SOS states the change in this bill would not allow school elections to be held with state elctions because of the provision in section

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1-12-71 that no municipal, school, or special election shall be held within fifty days of a state wide election. School elections, however, could be held with other special or municipal elections.

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