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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Maestas ORIGINAL DATE 1/28/16
LAST UPDATED _____ HJR 12
SHORT TITLE Open Primary 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
Total		\$104	NFI	\$104	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Secretary of State (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Resolution 12 proposes to amend Article 7 the New Mexico Constitution to allow all qualified electors to vote in any state-funded primary election process regardless of party affiliation.

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

The SOS states: some system configurations would be required of the election management system used to prepare ballot content but costs and effort could likely be absorbed in the vendor annual maintenance contract or with a slight increase in cost to the maintenance contract.

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