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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Padilla **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/16/16
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE County Sheriff Qualifications, CA **SJR** 23

ANALYST Malone

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$104.0	\$0.0	\$104.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund- Elections

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 203

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 23 proposes a constitutional amendment to the New Mexico Constitution, Article 7, Section 2 to provide for qualifications for county sheriffs except in class H counties (Los Alamos). If SJR 23 is adopted, the proposed amendment would be voted on at the next general election or at a special election prior to that date called for that purpose.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of State estimates the cost of placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot to be \$104 thousand based on 2010 actual expenditures. This includes all necessary printing and advertizing. The next general election is in 2016, FY17.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Currently, state statute does not include any requirements for candidates for sheriff. Creating baseline qualifications will help ensure that candidates for the position have relevant training and experience to help them be effective in the position.

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SJR 23 relates to SB 203, which seeks to establish qualifications for sheriff, including five years professional law enforcement experience to include military law enforcement experience, must be a resident of the state for one year and of the county for which the person is seeking to be elected or appointed sheriff, must hold a certificate attesting to completion of a basic law enforcement training program pursuant to Section 29-7-6.1 NMSA 1978, and must not have been recalled from public office.

SJR would constitutionally require qualifications set out in law (those in SB 203 or others potentially adopted) for all counties except Los Alamos.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is Los Alamos county excluded?

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