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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE College Regent Numbers & Terms, CA SJR 7

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

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		NFI				

Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases

Relates to SJR5, SJR6

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)  
 Mesalands Community College (MCC)  
 New Mexico State University (NMSU)  
 Santa Fe Community College (SFCC)

#### Other Responses Received From

New Mexico Independent Community Colleges (NMICC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis

Senate Joint Resolution proposes to amend Article 12, Section 13 of the Constitution of New Mexico in two ways.

First, the proposed amendment standardizes board of regent membership to seven members across all educational institutions enumerated in Article 12, Section 11 except for the boards of regents for New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, New Mexico School for the Deaf, and New Mexico Military Institute, which will remain at 5 regents. The boards of regents with seven members may not have more than four members from the same political party.

Second, the terms for non-student regents at all education institutions mentioned in Article 12, Section 11 will finish out and then change from six year terms to four year terms.

This proposed amendment will be submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be election costs to include voting on the resolution in the next general election.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The amendment to the Constitution proposed by SJR7 will impact the state educational institutions named in Article 12, Section 11. The named institutions are

- University of New Mexico (UNM)
- New Mexico State University (NMSU)
- New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU)
- Western New Mexico University (WNMU)
- Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU)
- New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMIMT)
- New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI)
- New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NMSBVI)
- New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD)
- Northern New Mexico College (NNMC)

Currently only UNM has 7 members on its board of regents.

SJR7 stipulates the effected boards are to have seven members, five of whom shall be qualified electors of the State of New Mexico, one of whom shall be a member of the student body. SJR7 is silent about the seventh member.

### **RELATIONSHIP**

SJR5 establishes four year terms for all non-student regents.

SJR6 establishes nominating committees to recommend regents to the Governor.

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