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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/16/2020  
 SPONSOR HJC LAST UPDATED 2/17/2020 HJR 7/HJCS  
 SHORT TITLE Expand Scope of 30-Day Sessions, CA SB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANALYST Glenn

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

	FY20	FY21	FY22	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$125.0- \$150.0		\$125.0- \$150.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SJR 12

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)  
 Office of the Attorney General (NMAG)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Joint Resolution

The House Judiciary Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolution 7 proposes to amend Article 4, Section 5 of the New Mexico Constitution to change the length of sixty day and thirty day regular legislative sessions to forty-five days and to remove the current limitations on the subject of bills that may be introduced during thirty day sessions. With the amendments proposed by HJR7, the Legislature could consider bills addressing any subject and vetoed bills from the previous regular session during the forty-five day regular sessions.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Under Section 1-16-4 NMSA 1978, SOS is required to print the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment, in both Spanish and English, in an amount equal to ten percent of the registered voters in the state. SOS is also constitutionally required to publish the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment once a week for four weeks preceding the election in newspapers in every county in the state. The estimated cost per constitutional amendment is \$125 thousand - \$150 thousand, depending upon the number and length of the constitutional

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amendments, number of registered voters, and whether additional ballot printing systems are needed.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Relates to SJR 12, titled “Change Legislative Session Length, CA,” which similarly amends Article 4, Section 5 of the N.M. Constitution by changing the length of regular legislative sessions to forty-five days and removing the limitations on subjects for consideration.

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