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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 1 February 2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SJR 7 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Steinborn, Pope **Agency Name and Code:** NM Independent Community Colleges 994  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

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

	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate		R	GF

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: Senate Joint Resolution 7 (SJR7) amends Article 12, Section 13 of New Mexico’s constitution requiring the governor to nominate regents from a list provided by a nominating committee for each institution enumerated in Article 12, Section 13.

SJR7 creates a regent nominating committee for each institution in Article 12, Section 13. The legislature shall establish in statute the appointment, terms, powers and duties of the nominating committee. No more than 50% of the members of an institutional nominating committee shall be members of the same political party.

SJR7 cleans up the constitution by removing outdated sections which were related to the 2014 amendment and the expansion of the University of New Mexico’s board of regents

from 5 members to 7 members in the 1980s.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be costs associated with the operations of the nominating committees, including per diem payments for the members.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

It is unclear whether the operations of each nominating committee will be attributed to each institution enumerated in Article 12, Section 13 of the constitution or if there will be another entity, such as the higher education department, charged with ensuring the committees operate.