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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Thompson DATE TYPED: 02/21/01 HB HJR 1/aHGUAC

SHORT TITLE: Governor to Appoint Lt. Governor Vacancy, CA SB _____

ANALYST: Woodlee

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
			\$ 30.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02			
		NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
Secretary of State

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HGUAC Amendment

The House Government and Urban Affairs Committee amendment to House Joint Resolution 1 provides that the Governor's appointee to fill a vacancy in the Lieutenant Governor position will not take office until he/she is confirmed by a majority vote of both houses of the Legislature.

Synopsis of Original Bill

The Joint Resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Governor to appoint the Lieutenant Governor, should a vacancy occur.

Significant Issues

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The Joint Resolution would amend the New Mexico Constitution and alter the current succession process. It would allow the Governor to fill a Lt. Governor vacancy by appointment. In addition, if the Lt. Governor filled a vacant Governor position, then he/she would be able to appoint their Lt. Governor, and both will hold the respective offices until the next general election.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation or other significant fiscal implications within the bill. However, there are costs associated with the Secretary of State's budget. Such costs include printing and advertising in various languages and publications, distribution of information regarding the proposed amendment, and additional costs in relation to additional items on ballots. The Secretary of State indicates this is a \$30.0 cost, which is found in their base operating budget.

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