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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE:		Early Processing of Absentee Ballots			SB	299
			ANAL	YST:	Woodlee	

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation	on Contained	Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring	Fund					
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02	or Non-Rec	Affected					
NFI										

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 299 amends Section 1-6-14 NMSA 1978 to provide that no member of the absent voter precinct board shall open an official "inner" envelope or count and canvass any absentee ballot prior to the day of the election. This allows the member to open the "outer" envelope in order to alphabetize, enter on the roster and sort the absentee ballots by legislative district.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation or significant fiscal implication associated with this bill.

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