# FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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| SPONSOR: Begaye | DATE TYPED: 03/03/01 | HB HJR-20 |
| SHORT TITLE: Abolish Elected Position of County Clerk, CA | | SB |
| | ANALYST: Woodlee | |

## APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Attorney General

## SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Resolution 20 proposes a constitutional amendment that would abolish the election position of County Clerk.

Significant Issues

The joint resolution amends Article 6, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution to strike the provision that a county clerk is to be elected. In addition, the joint resolution amends Article 10, Section 2 of the New Mexico Constitution to strike reference to the elected terms of county clerks. Also, the resolution indicates that upon adoption of the proposed amendment by the people, the county clerk position shall not be on the ballot beginning with the general election of 2002. Elected county clerks may fill out the remainder of their terms.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to the Attorney General's Office, the amendment does not eliminate the position of county clerk.  As amended, Article 6, Section 22 would still refer to county clerks.  The proposed amendment does not specify how a county clerk position would be filled.

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