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**F I S C A L   I M P A C T   R E P O R T**

SPONSOR: Rawson                      DATE TYPED: 01/21/02    HB \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHORT TITLE: Municipal Runoff Elections, CA                      SB SJR 8  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ANALYST: Woodlee

**APPROPRIATION**

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Im- pact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
			\$30.0	Recurring	General Fund

Duplicates House Joint Resolution 6

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Secretary of State

**SUMMARY**

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 8 proposes to amend Article 7, Section 5 of the Constitution of New Mexico to allow municipalities to conduct runoff elections.

Significant Issues

The joint resolution provides that a candidate who receives the highest number of votes for an office shall be declared elected to that office unless the municipality provides for runoff elections. SJR 8 provides that a municipality that has not adopted a charter pursuant to Article 10, Section 6 of the Constitution of New Mexico may provide for runoff elections by ordinance. Also, if a municipality has adopted a charter, then it may provide for runoff elections if the charter already approves them or if a charter amendment to allow for runoff elections is adopted by a majority of the qualified electors.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no appropriation associated with this joint resolution. According to the Secretary of State, there is an approximate cost of \$30.0 for the printing, advertising and language translation of the proposed constitutional amendment, if adopted.

**DUPLICATION**

Senate Joint Resolution 8 duplicates House Joint Resolution 6.

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