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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sandoval DATE TYPED 2/4/03 HB 503

SHORT TITLE Election Amendment Reconciliation SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			See Narrative		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Conflicts with HB 501

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Secretary of State

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 503 proposes to amend the Election Code to allow county clerks to open only the outer mailing envelope of absentee ballots three days prior to the election. The intent is to avoid excessive delays in processing absentee ballots on election day so tallies can be completed efficiently.

Significant Issues

The Secretary of State indicates this bill was passed by the Legislature last year and signed into law. However, the subsequent chaptering of a later election bill cancelled out its effect.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant fiscal implications associated with this bill.

CONFLICT

House Bill 503 conflicts with House Bill 501, which allows the inner envelope on absentee ballots to be opened by the precinct board five days prior to the election and registered on an optical scanning vote tabulator.

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