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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cisneros DATE TYPED 2/9/04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Investigate El Llano Acequia Election SB SJM 59

ANALYST Wilson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial requests the Attorney General and the State Engineer to investigate the December 2003 election for El Llano Acequia election of commissioners to ensure the correct administration of Section 73-2-14 NMSA 1978 and all other laws regarding acequia and community ditch elections and the administration of water rights.

Significant Issues

Section 73-2-14 NMSA 1978 provides that voters in elections for acequia or community ditch officers must have water rights on the acequia or community ditch.

The El Llano Acequia commission election of officers was held in December 2003, and members of the acequia have raised questions regarding the conduct of that election, asserting that officers who were ineligible were elected .

The proper and fair allocation of water from acequias and ditches is the responsibility of the officers of those political subdivisions.

During the current drought, it is imperative that New Mexico's scarce water supply be lawfully distributed and all laws relating to water be scrupulously administered and enforced.

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