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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Repeal Albuquerque Bernalillo Merger, CA SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Ford

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			\$40.0		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates  
SJR 8

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SRC Amendment

The Senate Rules Committee amendment to House Joint Resolution 14 amends the title of the resolution to indicate that the section proposed for amendment provides procedures for forming an urban county.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Joint Resolution 14 proposes to repeal Article 10, Section 11 of the state constitution, which provides for the establishment of single urban governments. The effect would be to repeal the authority of the county of Bernalillo and the city of Albuquerque to merge into a single urban government. The proposed amendment is subject to voter approval.

#### Significant Issues

In November 2000, the state's voters ratified an amendment to the state constitution that pro-

vided a process by which the county of Bernalillo and the municipalities within the county could merge into a single urban county. The process requires submission of a proposed merger to the affected voters. In 2003 and again in 2004, area voters rejected the proposed merger.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

House Joint Memorial 14 would result in costs to the Secretary of State to place the constitutional amendment on the ballot. In 2004, an identical measure was introduced and the Secretary of State estimated costs of \$40 thousand to meet the necessary election procedures and requirements.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

House Joint Resolution 14 duplicates Senate Joint Resolution 8.

### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

Given that voters in Bernalillo county must approve a merger before it can take place, is it necessary to amend the state constitution? Or does the voter-approval requirement currently in the constitution provide adequate safeguard against an unpopular merger?

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