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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/19/07

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SHORT TITLE Governor's Delivery of Signed Bills, CA SB SJR 1

ANALYST Wilson

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 1, if approved by the voters, will amend Article IV Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution to require the Governor to deposit signed bills with the Secretary of State by 12:00 noon on the twentieth day after adjournment of the legislature. Current law does not specify an exact time, but practice has been to consider 12:00 noon as the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> day, since the legislature does not convene until 12:00 noon on the first day of each session.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal impacts for this bill if the amendment proposed by this resolution is submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election (as opposed to a special election).

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The current Constitutional provision can be construed to allow the Governor until 11:59 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> day following adjournment of the legislature to sign and deposit bills with the Secretary of State. This amendment appears to codify existing practice.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The OAG notes that SJR 1 is unclear as to whether depositing with the Secretary of State on the 20<sup>th</sup> day is required for a bill to become law, since the current provision states “Unless so approved and signed by him such bill shall not become a law”, without reference in that sentence to deposit with the Secretary of State.

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