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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/22/08

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SHORT TITLE Bipartisan Re-Districting Commission SJM 23

ANALYST Cox

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 23 requests that the Legislative Council appoint a committee to study the feasibility of creating an independent bipartisan redistricting commission.

This Joint Memorial contemplates that there will be proportional representation of majority and minority parties and of the house and senate on this committee.

This Joint Memorial requests a study on the feasibility of creating an independent, bipartisan redistricting commission to compose district plans for public education commission, public regulation commission, legislative and congressional races that are representative of New Mexico's population.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Joint Memorial states that:

- Achieving proper political representation of New Mexico communities and minority groups fosters a healthy political environment in races for elective office.
- Competition in the political process helps guarantee that elected officials will represent the full diversity of New Mexico.

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- Using a fair and open process to redraw New Mexico's political boundaries would reinvigorate the connection between elected officials and the residents of New Mexico.
- Broad citizen participation in the redistricting process will produce more accountability in government, strengthen public confidence in government and improve the quality of public policy.

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