FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	ORIGINAL DATE	02/06/14		
SPONSOR Ivey-Soto	**LAST UPDATED**		**HB**	
SHORT TITLE Judicial Retention Election Dates			**SJR**	16
		ANALYST	Jorgensen	

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	**FY15**	**FY16**	**3 Year Total Cost**	**Recurring or Nonrecurring**	**Fund Affected**
Total	NFI	>$46	NFI	>$46	Nonrecurring	Election Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 16 proposes an Amendment to Article 6 of the constitution of New Mexico to allow the Legislature to set the date for filing declarations of candidacy for judicial retention elections.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Under Section 1-16-13 NMSA 1978 and the NM constitution, the SOS is required to print samples of the text of each constitutional amendment, in both Spanish and English, in an amount equal to ten percent of the registered voters in the state. The SOS is also required to publish them once a week for four weeks preceding the election in newspapers in every county in the state. In 2012, the cost for the 2012 General Election ballots was $46 thousand per constitutional amendment. However, if the ballot size is greater than one page, front and back, it would increase the cost of conducting the general election. In addition to the cost of the ballot, there will be added time for processing voters to vote and would mean additional ballot printing systems would be required to avoid having lines at voting convenience centers.

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