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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR HGEIA ORIGINAL DATE 1/28/15
LAST UPDATED 2/11/15 HB 127/HGEIAS
SHORT TITLE Traditional Historic Community Qualifications SB _____
ANALYST Malone

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	0.0	0.0		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 127 proposes language that would alter the types of communities eligible under NMSA 1978, Section 3-7-1.1 for designation as a “traditional historic community.” Under the current law, only unincorporated areas located in class B counties with populations between 95 thousand and 99,500 are eligible for this designation.

This bill changes eligibility for unincorporated areas in class B counties to those counties with populations between 30,000 and 40,000, and eligibility would be added for unincorporated areas in class A counties with populations between 140 thousand and 200 thousand.

The bill also proposes changing the basis for measuring county population under Section 3-7-1.1 to the “most recent federal decennial census,” versus the current measure, which is the “1990 decennial census.”

This bill also amends Section 3-2-3 NMSA 1978, in which the same language is reflected, such that there is no conflict between the two sections.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Section 4-44-1(A) NMSA 1978 defines county classifications for salary purposes as:

(1) those having a final, full assessed valuation of over seventy-five million dollars (\$75 million) and having a population of one hundred thousand persons or more as determined by the most current annual population data or estimate available from the United States census bureau, as class "A" counties;

(2) those having a final, full assessed valuation in excess of seventy-five million dollars (\$75 million) with a population less than one hundred thousand persons as determined by the most current annual population data or estimate available from the United States census bureau, as class "B" counties;

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DCA noted that an indirect impact on the Historic Preservation Division may be that the different set of communities proposed to be eligible for traditional historic community declaration may seek to further the recognition of their historic attributes by seeking historic property listing in the state and national registers of historic properties.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

This bill proposes amended language in that is reflected in another statute, namely Section 3-2-3, and would create a conflict between the two statutes if it is not also amended similarly.

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