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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ivey-Soto/Smith **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/9/15
LAST UPDATED 2/24/15 **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Change Precinct Boards to Election Boards **SB** 354

ANALYST Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

Secretary of State (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 354 changes the term "precinct board" to "election board" throughout the Election Code.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SOS reports that in 2011, the New Mexico legislature approved changes to Section 1-3-4 NMSA 1978 which allowed for the implementation of consolidated precincts and vote centers. Due to the change from the use of traditional precincts to voter centers for conducting elections, "precinct boards" actually handle multiple precincts, and therefore the term "election board" is appropriate.

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