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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Majority for Constitutional Amendments, CA SJR 8

ANALYST Jorgensen

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	None	None	>\$15.2	>\$15.2	Nonrecurring	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 8 would amend Article 19, Section 1 of the Constitution of New Mexico to require the approval of two-thirds of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage of proposed amendments to the Constitution.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Under Section 1-16-13 NMSA 1978 and the New Mexico 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 2014, the SOS estimated the cost per constitutional amendment to be \$15,217. 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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