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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lente ORIGINAL DATE 3/15/17
 LAST UPDATED _____ HM 115

SHORT TITLE Native American Voting Info Task Force SB _____

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

House Memorial 115 relates to House Bill 357, Native American Voting Info Task Force.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 115 (HM115) requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to convene a Native American Voting Information Task Force to gather information and make findings and recommendations regarding Native American voting education, efforts to prohibit voting disenfranchisement, and ways to engage tribal members in voting.

Under the provisions of HM115, the SOS would be required to appoint members to the taskforce including:

- (1) a member of the Navajo Nation;
- (2) a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation;
- (3) a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe;
- (4) a member of a Pueblo; and
- (5) a Native American who resides in an urban area.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The SOS notes HM115 would have minimal to no fiscal impact in forming the prescribed taskforce. However, recommendations made by the taskforce could result in a potential future fiscal impact in order to implement any of the task force’s recommendations.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Secretary of State’s Office (SOS) notes the memorial proposes the taskforce would “make findings and recommendations” to the SOS, however, the sponsor may want to strike the work “findings” since it appears the intent of the taskforce is to be more of an advisory board and not regulatory.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The SOS would be required to provide administrative support to the taskforce and ensure adherence to the Open Meetings Act. Additional administrative impact may be seen as a result of any recommendations made by the taskforce.

RELATIONSHIP

HM115 relates to House Bill 357, Native American Voting Info Task Force, which included a nonreverting recurring appropriation for \$20 thousand from the general fund to the SOS in FY18 and subsequent fiscal years.

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