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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gould ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/202
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Convention of States SJR 4
ANALYST Glenn

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY20	FY21	FY22	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI					

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Joint Resolution

Senate Joint Resolution 4 is an application to Congress for the calling of a convention of the states to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution imposing fiscal restraints on the federal government, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limiting the terms of its officials and the members of Congress.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SJR 4 has no apparent fiscal implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SJR 4 is similar to “Convention of States” applications proposed in other states. The applications are made under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, which requires Congress to call a convention to amend the Constitution upon the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states.

The nationwide effort to limit the power of the federal government by amending the U.S. Constitution, as described in SJR 4, was organized and is backed by a group called “Convention

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of States Action.” According to the group’s website, www.conventionofstates.com, state legislatures are being asked to call a convention of states “to bring power back to the states and the people, where it belongs.” The website represents that fifteen states to date have passed the Convention of States application.

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