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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE** 2/16/2020

**SPONSOR** Ivey-Soto      **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_      **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT TITLE** Change Legislative Session Length, CA      **SJR** 12

**ANALYST** Gaussoin

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY20	FY21	FY22	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$125.0- \$150.0		\$125.0- \$150.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Judiciary Committee Substitute for House Joint Resolution 7

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Joint Resolution

Senate Joint Resolution 12 proposes to amend Article 4, Section 5 of the New Mexico Constitution to change the length of 60 day and 30 day regular legislative sessions to 45 days and to remove the current limitations on the subject of bills that may be introduced during 30 day sessions. With voter approval, SJR12 would allow the Legislature to consider bills addressing any subject during the forty-five day regular sessions.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Under Section 1-16-4 NMSA 1978, the Secretary of State (SOS) is required to print the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment, in both Spanish and English, in an amount equal to 10 percent of the registered voters in the state. SOS is also constitutionally required to publish the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment once a week for four weeks preceding the election in newspapers in every county in the state. The estimated cost per constitutional amendment is \$125 thousand to \$150 thousand, depending on the number and length of the constitutional amendments, number of registered voters, and whether additional ballot printing systems are needed.

**RELATIONSHIP**

HJR/CS also changes the length of all legislative sessions and lifts constraints on what can be considered during sessions during even-number years but retains language struck in SJR12 specifically enabling the Legislature to consider bills from the previous session vetoed by the governor.

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