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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB 475Original  Correction Amendment  Substitute 

Sponsor: Michael Padilla

Short Title: MAPS OF CERTAIN DISTRICTS

Agency Name

and Code

Secretary of State - 370

Number:

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Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

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

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

## **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

#### **Synopsis:**

SB 475 requires local districts to develop geographic information system maps of the district's boundaries in collaboration with the Secretary of State's Office (SOS) and the University of New Mexico. It further provides that local public bodies shall submit those maps to the Secretary of State and to the county commissioners of every county within their districts. The bill also makes an appropriation of \$200,000 to the board of regents at the University of New Mexico for mapping purposes.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Under existing state statute, the SOS is required to “provide and maintain a suitable map showing the current geographical boundaries with designation of each precinct, local government, representative district and senatorial district in the county.” The office is granted the authority to determine the size and form of these maps pursuant to 1-3-1 NMSA 1978. Currently, the SOS contracts with the University of New Mexico's Earth Data Analysis Center to compile and host maps outlining political boundaries in the state. It is not a requirement that the state contract with that center indefinitely.

Local public bodies currently provide maps in various formats and in various levels of detail to county clerks. These entities then work with those offices to ensure maps are accurately implemented in the state's voter database for the purposes of elections.

SB 475 would standardize the required format of maps to the use of geographic information system data.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

In Subsection C of Section 1, the local public bodies are required to submit geographic information system maps to county commissioners and the SOS. It would also be appropriate for the maps to be submitted directly to county clerks.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Should SB 475 pass, local public bodies would be required to work with University of New Mexico's Earth Data Analysis Center. They would be unable to leverage other entities to obtain

geographic information system maps. Alternatively, the legislature might consider requiring that specific format of maps but leave open the opportunity for the districts to utilize local services or organizations.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

## **AMENDMENTS**