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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**Date Prepared:** 2/27/25 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** SB 475 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Senator Michael Padilla **Agency Name and Code** University of New Mexico - 952  
**Short Title:** Maps of Certain Districts **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$200.0	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
None	None	None	N/A	NFA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

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

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	None	None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

SB 475 proposes an appropriation (\$200,000 for FY26) to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the Earth Data Analysis Center (EDAC) to support entities that participates in a regular local election, who do not have the Geographic Information System (GIS) expertise, software or hardware required to determine their boundaries and delineate any election districts.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

SB 475 provides an appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of UNM for the Earth Data Analysis Center for expenditure in FY26 and subsequent fiscal years.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

This bill creates funding that will assist districts to maintain and create their boundaries. Many of these districts do not utilize a GIS system nor do they have the technical expertise to maintain and utilize GIS system hardware and software. The districts are required by New Mexico Statute NM Stat § 1-3-12 (2021) to maintain and update boundaries for elections. This will allow these districts to comply with New Mexico state statute. Moreover, EDAC has decades of experience and an excellent working relationship with the Secretary of State's Office and districts, which will contribute to efficiencies and reduce risks.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

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

To support this project, the New Mexico Resource Geographic Information System (RGIS) Clearinghouse will be utilized, which is operated and maintained through EDAC. Thus, in addition to our extensive knowledge of the geospatial data, EDAC will utilize our existing hardware and GIS software needed to operate within the two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) proposed budget.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

Each district will have to contract with an outside vendor to support entities that participates in a

regular local election, as many districts do not have the Geographic Information System (GIS) expertise, software or hardware required to determine their boundaries and delineate any election districts. Each district would incur an administrative cost to solicit a vendor for each election, in addition to private sector contracted rates. That is, if they can find a vendor who is willing to work on a lot of small geospatial projects with time constraints. Each vendor will have to coordinate separately with the New Mexico Secretary of State Office utilizing their very specific guidance and often tight timelines.

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

If SB 475 is not enacted, it will be difficult, if not impossible for districts without the necessary expertise, software and hardware to comply with the Secretary of State's requirements for the submission of district's boundaries and delineation for any election districts.

**AMENDMENTS**

None.