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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/22/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SJR 1 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Senators Figueroa, Wirth, Garratt, Rubio and Duhigg **Agency Name and Code** State Ethics Commission 410
Short Title: Legislative Salaries Commission **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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
Total						

(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

Synopsis:

Senate Joint Resolution 1 (SJR1) proposes an amendment to Article 4 of the New Mexico Constitution to add a section that creates a “citizen commission on legislative salaries” to consider salaries for members of the Legislature and adopt a final report on its determination to establish, adjust, or limit those salaries, on or before October 1, 2028 and every four years thereafter.

SJR1 also proposes to amend Section 10 within Article 4 of the Constitution of New Mexico to change the per diem rate for members of the Legislature, from the Internal Revenue Service per diem rate to the per diem rate set by the federal General Services Administration for federal employees and officials for the City of Santa Fe, for each day’s attendance. In addition to per diem, the amendment also provides for the citizen commission to set salaries for legislators.

The nine member “citizen commission on legislative salaries” would adopt a final report, on the affirmative vote of at least five members of the commission. The report is to be filed with the Secretary of State (SOS) on or before October 1, 2028, and every four years thereafter. Under SJR1, salaries adopted shall become effective on the first state employee pay period in July immediately following the adoption of the report. SJR1 prohibits more than four members of the commission belonging to the same political party at time of appointment. The joint resolution is silent with regards to citizens who do not align themselves with either party.

The joint resolution provides that the amendment be put before the voters at the next general election or a special election prior to that date called for the purpose of considering the amendment. The amendment would only be effective if approved by voters.

SJR1 is fairly similar to HJR7 from the 2024 Legislative session.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SJR1 does not appear to have any fiscal implications for the SEC.

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP At the date of this analysis there were not any.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo.

AMENDMENTS