

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: January 27, 2026 **Check all that apply:**
Bill Number: SM 7 **Original** **Correction**
 Amendment **Substitute**

Sponsor: Senator Figueroa
Short Redistricting Task Force
Title:

Agency Name
and Code State Ethics Commission 410
Number:
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$40		Nonrecurring	

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	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:

SM 7 is a memorial requesting a redistricting task force be convened to review the Redistricting Act NMSA 1978 Sections 1-3A-1 to -9 (2021) and make recommendations on how to improve New Mexico's redistricting process, including proposed legislation to implement the recommendations. The memorial emphasizes the importance of a culturally, economically, and geographically diverse task force with representation from across the state.

The Task Force would consist of 13 to 15 members. Members would be appointed one each by the president pro tempore of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the minority floor leader of the senate and the minority floor leader of the house of representatives (four total). The state chairs or designees of each major political party would also serve as members. The remaining seven to nine members would be appointed by the State Ethics Commission and would be selected from the following categories:

- at least three members not affiliated with a major political party;
- at least one member of the 2021 citizen redistricting committee;
- two representatives of Indian nations, tribes or pueblos; and
- one member with experience in demography and geolocation
- may include representatives from state organizations that work on voting, elections, government transparency and democracy.

The Task Force must present its findings and recommendations to the New Mexico legislative council and at least two additional interim committees for discussion by December 31, 2027.

Legislative Council Service would provide staffing support for the Task Force.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Fiscal implications for the State Ethics Commission include staff or contractor time associated with advertising the opportunity, soliciting and vetting applications, and preparing appointment materials for Commission consideration. The memorial may also require additional Commission meeting time to review applicants and approve appointments. The memorial does not include an appropriation.

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

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS