

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4222-06
Bill No.: SCS for HCS for HB 1060
Subject: Elections
Type: Original
Date: May 17, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies numerous laws relating to elections.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Local Government	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume this proposal may require an additional legal notice be published. A legal notice published in our jurisdiction generally costs between \$2,500 and \$10,000 per entity, per election. Additionally, this may require that a ballot be reprinted. Reprinting one ballot affects all ballots, costing the board approximately \$25,000 in printing expenses and \$5,000 in overtime.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume that section 115.124.1 may require publication of a notice. This cost is paid by the election board. The cost usually ranges from \$200 to \$650 depending on the length of the notice.

Officials at the **Johnson County** assume that municipalities that do not have to file an election could save anywhere between \$500 and \$3,200 for an April Election. The County also assumes an unknown cost to publish the notice required per section 115.124 since the bill does not specify the local district should pay for the notice.

Officials at the **Department of Corrections, Lawrence County, Office of Prosecution Services, Office of the State Public Defender** and the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **Office of Attorney General** assume that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials at the following board of election commissions: Kansas City Board of Election Commission, St. Louis City Board of Election Commission, Clay County Board of Election Commission, Jackson County Board of Election Commission and St. Louis County Board of Election Commission did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Barry, Bates, Boone, Buchanan, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Franklin, Greene, Hickory, Holt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lincoln, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Francois, Taney, Texas, Warren, and Webster did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight assume that section 115.123 eliminates the June election date which was only used as a special election on rare occasions. Oversight assumes no impact from this provision.

Oversight assumes that changing the date of the presidential primary election would not affect the cost of the election. Oversight assumes no impact from this provision.

Oversight assumes this proposal eliminates the February election which may result in some savings to certain entities while others may experience costs from bond elections allowed in February. Oversight assumes that having the February election is permissive and will not reflect an impact from this provision.

Oversight assumes that the provisions of section 115.124 would be a savings to the Local Election Authorities if they are not required to have an election. **Oversight** has shown an Unknown savings to Local Election Authorities.

Oversight assume section 115.293 does not have an impact on state or local funds.

Oversight assumes that section 115.350 states that candidates will be required to file an affidavit under penalties of perjury. Oversight assumes that do to the severity of the penalties candidates will comply and this provision would have no fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes that any realized savings from not printing the emblems on the ballot is minimal and therefore Oversight is showing no impact.

Oversight assumes section 115.124.3 is permissive and would not have an impact unless a city chooses to adopt the policy outlined in this proposal. Therefore, this proposal will have no fiscal impact.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding

ASSUMPTION (continued)

for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
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LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES

<u>Savings</u> - from elections not held	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

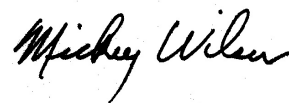
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill changes the laws regarding elections.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Corrections
Johnson County
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
Lawrence County
Office of Attorney General
Office of Prosecution Services
Office of State Courts Administrator
Office of the Secretary of State
Office of the State Public Defender
Platte County Board of Election Commission



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