

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4644-01  
Bill No.: HB 1395  
Subject: Surveyors; Natural Resources Dept.  
Type: Original  
Date: February 13, 2012

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Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding the Land Survey Program.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
General Revenue	(\$66,161)	(\$75,606)	(\$76,413)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(\$66,161)</b>	<b>(\$75,606)</b>	<b>(\$76,413)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
Cost Allocation (0500)	(\$21,004)	(\$24,402)	(\$24,259)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(\$21,004)</b>	<b>(\$24,402)</b>	<b>(\$24,259)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 7 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
Federal	(\$17,853)	(\$20,403)	(\$20,620)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>(\$17,853)</b>	<b>(\$20,403)</b>	<b>(\$20,620)</b>

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

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).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assumes this proposal would increase the costs to administer and operate the land survey program over the long term. In addition to the increased cost of a deputy division director position, there is also the potential for long term impacts from the acquisition of new office space and property. This proposal would also increase the number of members on a newly created Commission which would require additional resources for reimbursement to members.

#### ***Section 59.319.3(3):***

DNR states this section would create the Missouri Land Survey Fund in which to deposit the existing \$1 fee to be utilized for the purposes of sections 60.510 to 60.620 and section 60.670. The state treasurer would be custodian of the fund and would approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo.

#### ***Section 60.510(8):***

DNR assumes this section would create a new deputy division director position who would serve at the pleasure of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources that must be hired under state merit system requirements on the basis of professional experience and registration.

DNR assumes this proposal would be a senior level administrative and technical managerial position in support of the division director and operations of the organization with responsibilities involving department, division, and program interaction. The department assumes the salary would be comparable to other deputy division positions in the department and that the costs would be handled as other administrative positions.

#### ***Section 60.540:***

DNR assumes this section would give DNR the authority to purchase property for the establishment of an office for the Land Survey Program. If additional office(s) are established by the program, this could lead to increased administrative costs and increase maintenance and capital improvement costs.

ASSUMPTION (Continued)

***Section 60.570:***

DNR states this section would allow the land survey program to establish regional offices in the metropolitan areas of the state for the storage and distribution of local survey record information. If additional office(s) are established by the program, this could lead to increased administrative costs and increase maintenance and capital improvement costs.

DNR assumes an unknown fiscal impact for this section due to variables associated with how many offices may be established and associated needs for each office. If additional office(s) are established by the program this could lead to increased administrative costs and increase maintenance and capital improvement costs.

***Section 60.620:***

DNR states this section would establish a new Land Survey Commission to replace the Land Survey Advisory Committee and would increase membership from 5 to 7 members.

**Oversight** assumes any administrative costs and costs for the reimbursement of new commission members could be absorbed through the existing land survey user fees and existing appropriation. If DNR notices a significant increase in administrative or new commission member costs then the department may request additional funding through the normal appropriation process.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal creates a new Deputy Division Director within DNR for the Land Survey Program. This new position will be funded through general revenue, cost allocation (0500), and federal funds.

**Oversight** assumes the Land Survey Program Deputy Director could be placed in existing office space within DNR in Jefferson City or the Office of the Missouri State Geological Survey in Rolla, MO.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal states the Land Survey Program may establish and maintain regional offices in metropolitan areas for the storage and distribution of local survey record information.

ASSUMPTION (Continued)

**Oversight** assumes this program already exists and DNR has regional offices for storage and distribution of local survey record information throughout the state at its current locations. If DNR seeks to establish separate regional offices for the Land Survey Program then additional funding for the administrative costs and office space may be requested through the normal appropriation process.

Officials at the **Department of Transportation, Department of Revenue, Office of State Courts Administrator, Office of Administration, and State Treasurer's Office** each assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Cost - Salary and Fringe Benefits for Deputy Division Director</u>	<u>(\$66,161)</u>	<u>(\$75,606)</u>	<u>(\$76,413)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>(\$66,161)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$75,606)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$24,259)</u></b>
<b>DNR COST ALLOCATION FUND (0500)</b>			
<u>Cost - Salary and Fringe Benefits for Deputy Division Director</u>	<u>(\$21,004)</u>	<u>(\$24,002)</u>	<u>(\$24,259)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON DNR COST ALLOCATION FUND (0500)</b>	<b><u>(\$21,004)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$24,002)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$24,259)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Federal Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<u>Cost - Salary and Fringe Benefits for Deputy Division Director</u>	<u>(\$17,853)</u>	<u>(\$20,403)</u>	<u>(\$20,620)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>(\$17,853)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$20,403)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$20,620)</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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 the Land Survey Program within the Department of Natural Resources.

- (1) Dissolves the State Land Survey Authority and the Land Survey Advisory Committee and establishes the Land Survey Program and the Land Survey Commission within the Department of Natural Resources;
- (2) Revises the membership, terms, and duties of the commission;
- (3) Creates the Missouri Land Survey Fund for the deposit of \$1 of the \$6 fee collected by every county recorder for recording any instrument which currently is deposited into the General Revenue Fund for use by the department;
- (4) Expands the duties of the department by requiring it to restore, establish, maintain, and preserve Missouri state and county boundary markers and provide the framework for all geodetic positioning activities in the state; and

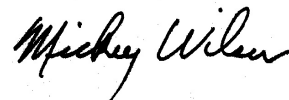
FISCAL DESCRIPTION (Continued)

(5) Requires the State Land Surveyor to be selected on the recommendation of the commission. The State Land Surveyor will be the chief administrative officer of the program and the deputy director of the division and will serve at the pleasure of the department director. He or she must be selected under the State Merit System on the basis of professional experience and registration.

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 Transportation  
Office of Administration  
Office of Administration  
State Treasurer's Office  
Department of Revenue



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