

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4644-04
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1395
Subject: Surveyors; Natural Resources Dept.
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding the Land Survey Program.

FISCAL SUMMARY

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

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

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Federal	(\$17,853)	(\$20,403)	(\$20,620)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	(\$17,853)	(\$20,403)	(\$20,620)

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	\$0	\$0	\$0

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 state 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 60.540:

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.

Section 60.570:

DNR state 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.

ASSUMPTION (Continued)

Section 60.620:

DNR assumes this section would create a new deputy division director position who would serve at the pleasure of the authority.

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.

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.

Bill as a Whole

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.

Oversight assumes this proposal creates a new position within DNR. This proposal creates a new State Land Surveyor or Deputy Division Director for the Land Survey Program. This new position will be funded through General Revenue, Cost Allocation (0500), and Federal Funds.

Oversight assumes the State Land Surveyor 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 at that time.

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

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
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - Salary and Fringe Benefits for Deputy Division Director</u>	<u>(\$66,161)</u>	<u>(\$75,606)</u>	<u>(\$76,413)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$66,161)</u>	<u>(\$75,606)</u>	<u>(\$24,259)</u>
DNR COST ALLOCATION FUND (0500)			
<u>Cost - Salary and Fringe Benefits for Deputy Division Director</u>	<u>(\$21,004)</u>	<u>(\$24,002)</u>	<u>(\$24,259)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON DNR COST ALLOCATION FUND (0500)	<u>(\$21,004)</u>	<u>(\$24,002)</u>	<u>(\$24,259)</u>

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

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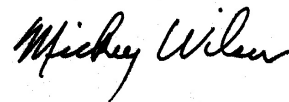
FISCAL DESCRIPTION (Continued)

(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 Natural Resources
Department of Transportation
Office of Administration
State Treasurer's Office
Department of Revenue
Office of the Attorney General



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