

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4671-02  
Bill No.: HB 1178  
Subject: Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils, Conservation Dept.  
Type: Original  
Date: January 18, 2012

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Bill Summary: This proposal changes the number of members of the Conservation Commission from four to seven, contingent upon the passage of a constitutional amendment authorizing the number to be fixed by law.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Conservation Commission Fund	\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)	\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)	\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</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 Conservation (MDC)** state this proposal changes the number of members of the Conservation Commission from four to seven, contingent upon the passage of a constitutional amendment authorizing the number to be fixed by law.

MDC assumes this proposal would have an unknown fiscal impact less than \$100,000 annually due to the increase in the cost of travel and other expenses due to the additional Conservation Commission members.

**Oversight** assumes an unknown fiscal impact of \$0 or less than \$100,000 due to the additional costs of travel and other commission expenses for the increase in the additional Conservation Commission members contingent upon voter approval of the constitutional amendment.

Officials at the **Office of Governor (GOV)** assume there should be no added cost to the Governor's Office as a result of this proposal. However, if additional duties are placed on the office related to appointments in other TAFP legislation, there may be the need for additional staff resources in future years.

**Oversight** assumes the GOV could absorb the costs related to commission appointments. If multiple bills pass which require appointments to a significant number of new or expanded state commissions, the GOV could request additional funding through the appropriation process.

Officials at the **Missouri Senate, Office of Secretary of State**, assumes there is no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND</b>			
Cost - Additional travel and expenses for new commission members	<u>\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown less than \$100,000)</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 increases the number of Missouri Conservation Commission members from four to seven with not more than four members from the same political party. Each member must represent a different geographical region of the state including one from St. Louis and one from Kansas City. For the five remaining members, the Department of Conservation must divide the remainder of the state into five regions of substantially equal population. The members of the commission must have a knowledge of an interest in wildlife conservation.

The bill specifies the terms of office of the members and the procedure for filling a vacancy on the commission. These provisions will only become effective upon the passage of a constitutional amendment authorizing the number, qualifications, and terms of the members of the commission to be fixed by law.

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

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Office of Secretary of State  
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