

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6055-01
Bill No.: HB 1870
Subject: Elections
Type: Original
Date: April 13, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes a paper ballot as the official ballot.

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.

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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 greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume \$50,000 to \$100,000 for initial purchase of a system or device to mark a paper ballot for a vision impaired voter. Ongoing maintenance and licensing fees will annually run from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume all DRE's will be obsolete by January 1, 2014, except those designated for disabled use. The additional cost of printing ballots would be \$173,275 in FY 2014, \$63,000 in FY 2015 and \$261,175 in FY 2016.

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume the impact would be minimal. Twenty percent of our election day voters vote by DRE. Therefore, more election ballots would need to be printed costing an average of \$5,000 per election.

Officials at the **Johnson County** assume a cost of \$50,000 to \$65,000 initially with additional costs at each election due to the ordering of additional paper ballot.

Officials at the **Buchanan County** assume no impact as they are already a paper ballot county.

Officials at the **Taney County** assume the County owns 23 direct-record electronic touch-screen vote-counting machines. Replacing them by January 2014, would cost the county approximately 115,000 for the purchase of new equipment, plus the loss on investment in the old equipment of \$115,000 for a total approximate cost to the County of \$230,000. This does not include the cost of training and implementation of new equipment.

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 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.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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.

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

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

<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 AUTHORITY FUNDS

<u>Cost- Local Election Authorities</u>	<u>(Unknown</u>	<u>(Unknown</u>	<u>(Unknown</u>
Cost of printed ballots and machines	<u>greater than</u>	<u>greater than</u>	<u>greater than</u>
	<u>\$100,000)</u>	<u>\$100,000)</u>	<u>\$100,000)</u>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITY FUNDS	<u>(Unknown</u>	<u>(Unknown</u>	<u>(Unknown</u>
	<u>greater than</u>	<u>greater than</u>	<u>greater than</u>
	<u>\$100,000)</u>	<u>\$100,000)</u>	<u>\$100,000)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

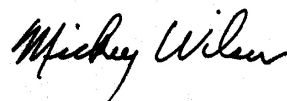
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill specifies that by January 1, 2014, the official ballot will be a paper ballot and requires all voting methods, including electronic voting machines, to produce the election results from paper ballots that voters have marked by hand or by machine assistance in the case of paper ballots cast by disabled voters. Existing touch-screen voting machines may be used for disabled voters for as long as a machine is functional but cannot be replaced.

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

Buchanan County
Johnson County
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
Office of the Secretary of State
Platte County Board of Election Commission
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Taney County



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