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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0113-01
Bill No.: HB 454
Subject: Elections; Federal - State Relations; Disabilities
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Bill Summary: Requires election authorities to make available at least one electronic voting machine per polling location for blind or visually impaired voters at an election in order to comply with federal law.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
| General Revenue | (Greater than \$100,000) | (Greater than \$100,000) | (Greater than \$100,000) |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue | (Greater than \$100,000) | (Greater than \$100,000) | (Greater than \$100,000) |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume the Help America Vote Act requires that for every federal election each polling place shall provide at least one voting machine accessible to blind or visually impaired voters. The provisions in this proposal expand this requirement to all elections, including local elections.

For the purposes of this fiscal note, SOS assumes that local election authorities already possess the necessary equipment to meet these new requirements. In the event local election authorities will need to purchase additional machines to meet the requirements in this proposal, the estimated cost per machine is \$5,000.

Officials at the **Atchison County Clerk's Office** assume the estimated additional cost of having a Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting machine in each polling place for state, county, municipal, or school district elections are as follows:

Equipment Cost

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| 1) | DRE Progaming Cost | \$3,500 |
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Addition Staff Cost

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|----|---|-----------------|
| 2) | DRE Results Cartridge Burning for all DREs | \$ 350 |
| 3) | Pre-Election Logic & Accuracy Testing (Pre-LAT) each DRE - 20, 30 or more ballot styles to test. | \$ 500 |
| 4) | Public Test of DRE | \$ 500 |
| 5) | Set up DRE in each polling place. | \$ 750 |
| 6) | Dismantle each DRE and return all devices after the election. | \$ 750 |
| 7) | Post-election Verification of each DRE | \$ 500 |
| 8) | Post-election DRE System Reset | <u>\$ 500</u> |
| | Cost for each election | <u>\$ 7,350</u> |

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|--------------------------------|---------|
| April 2016 Municipal Election | \$7,350 |
| March Presidential | \$7,350 |
| August 2016 Primary | \$7,350 |
| November 2016 General Election | \$7,350 |
| Any Special Election | \$7,350 |

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume the following costs: election judges to work voting machine - \$3,625, roving technical support - \$300, audio ballot recording - \$600, machine rental - \$3,500, mileage - \$350, a total of \$8,375 per election.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the **Lincoln County Clerk's Office** assume this proposal is estimated to lead to \$5,000 in increased expenses per state/local election. This is the average total of increased election expenses directly linked to the programming, testing, and deployment of the accessible voter machine used by the county to comply with the HAVA (Help America Vote Act) requirements.

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal as they currently supply these machines to all polls every election.

Officials at the **Jackson County Board of Election Commission** and the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** each assume no fiscal impact from this proposal to their respective organizations.

Oversight notes this proposal states any additional election costs for the maintenance and use of such machines during statewide and general assembly elections shall be paid by the state and subject to appropriation. Therefore, Oversight assumes the local election authorities will see no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight notes we are unable to determine the number of election authorities that may need to purchase additional machines to meet the requirements in this proposal. Therefore, Oversight will show the fiscal impact as greater than \$100,000.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2016 (10 Mo.) | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| GENERAL REVENUE | | | |
| <u>Cost - SOS - additional DRE machines</u> | (Greater than <u>\$100,000</u>) | (Greater than <u>\$100,000</u>) | (Greater than <u>\$100,000</u>) |
| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE | (Greater than <u>\$100,000</u>) | (Greater than <u>\$100,000</u>) | (Greater than <u>\$100,000</u>) |
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2016 (10 Mo.) | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
| | <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.

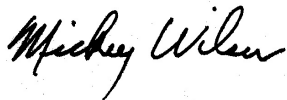
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the use of a Help American Vote Act compliant machine for the blind or visually impaired voters to be used at state and local elections as well as federal elections. The costs of using the machines at any statewide or general elections will be paid by the state and subject to appropriation. The bill does not require voting using the machines, and assisted voting for the blind or visually impaired will continue to be allowed.

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

Office of the Secretary of State
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
Platte County Board of Election Commission
Jackson County Board of Election Commission
Lincoln County Clerk's Office
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