

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4379-03  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1424  
Subject: Elementary and Secondary Education; Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils; Elections  
Type: Original  
Date: February 26, 2018

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Bill Summary: This proposal changes election procedures for school board members.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</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 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</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 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0 or Unknown</b>	<b>\$0 or Unknown</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** and **Office of the Secretary of State** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **Platte County Board of Elections** assume this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from **Buchanan County** assume, having the school districts run their elections in November, would help alleviate election costs on the county level, but assumes small entities, like fire, water, ambulance districts, the trustee members of villages, etc. will not be able to afford an April election alone without a larger entity there to help divvy up the costs.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Directors of Elections** assume because school board elections currently take place in April municipal elections, the Election Board pays more to cover costs to administer the election. If changed to taking place only in November elections, this would save the Election Board about \$350,000.

Officials from the **Kansas City Election Board** assume there would be a substantial savings in election costs. By moving the School Board elections to November, entities having elections would share costs and save in excess of \$100,000 or more per year. This election would be more expensive, but costs would be pro-rated among several entities, with everyone paying a smaller share. Another benefit would be a better turnouts, since historically November elections have the highest turnouts. However, not all races can fit on one ballot, therefore more than one ballot may be needed.

Officials at the following boards of election Commissioners: Clay County Board of Election Commissioners and Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the following counties: Boone, Camden, Carroll, Christian, Cooper, Daviess, Franklin, Knox, Marion, Miller, Montgomery, New Madrid, and Wayne did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2019 (6 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2019 (6 Mo.)	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
<u>Savings</u> - potential reduced election costs	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or Unknown</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or Unknown</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, school board elections are held at specified election dates as determined by the designation and location of school districts. Beginning in 2020, this bill requires school board elections for seven director school districts, urban school districts, and school districts with subdistricts to be held during the November general election. For all existing school boards not holding an initial election the terms will be staggered and four years in length, as specified in the bill. Any member whose term ends in 2019 or any other odd-number year will serve until the election in the following even-numbered year. The effective date of the bill is January 1, 2019.

This bill also allows members of the General Assembly to run for the office of school board member as well as General Assembly member on the same ballot.

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 Elementary and Secondary Education  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Kansas City Election Board  
Platte County Board of Elections  
Buchanan County  
St. Louis County Election Board

Ross Strope

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Strope", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Acting Director  
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