

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0334-01  
Bill No.: HB 29  
Subject: Elections  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to absentee voting.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</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 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</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 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</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 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</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 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Platte County Board of Elections** the proposal will cost \$1,200 annually for pre-printed absentee applications.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Board of Elections** assume the proposal will have a fiscal impact costing \$25,000. They will need to buy new software to build a database for a number tracking system.

Officials from the **Kansas City Election Board** assume the financial effects of the proposal would be minimal on their operations.

Officials from the **Buchanan County** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. Buchanan County currently is already doing what the proposal enacts.

Officials from the **Mississippi County Recorder of Deeds** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

**Oversight** notes there could be a cost for the local election authorities to implement a numbering system for application for absentee ballots. Oversight has no way of identifying the current software programs or existing systems used by local election authorities. Therefore, Oversight will reflect an negative unknown fiscal impact.

<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u></b>	<b>FY 2020 (10 Mo.)</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES</b>			
<u>Cost - implement numbering system for applications for absentee ballots</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES</b>	<u><b>(Unknown)</b></u>	<u><b>(Unknown)</b></u>	<u><b>(Unknown)</b></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 copy of photographic identification for use with any application for an absentee ballot that is not made in person to the election authority. Only the election authority will process the application for an absentee ballot, of any type. Each election authority shall establish a numbering system for absentee ballots to ensure proper tracking and compliance.

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  
Platte County Board of Elections  
St. Louis County Board of Elections  
Kansas City Election Board  
Buchanan County  
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