

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0340-02
Bill No.: HB 580
Subject: County Officials; County Government; Counties; Elections
Type: Original
Date: February 19, 2019

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes procedures to recall a county commissioner.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Local Government	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at **Greene County** assume a cost to hold a special election of \$110,000 from this proposal.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume a cost of \$75,000 to hold a countywide recall election from this proposal.

Oversight will reflect a ranged fiscal impact from \$0 (no recall petitions filed) to an unknown impact to counties for the potential costs involved in verifying signatures and holding a special election.

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight notes that the Office of the Secretary of State has stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

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

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other counties and board of election commissions were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. For a general listing of political subdivisions included in our database, please refer to www.legislativeoversight.mo.gov.

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

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
FIRST CLASS COUNTIES			
<u>Costs</u> - potential costs signature verification and/or special election for recall petition of commissioner(s)	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO FIRST CLASS COUNTIES	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</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 establishes a petition procedure for recalling county commissioners or presiding county commissioners in counties of the first classification. The commissioner to be recalled must have held office for at least six months and cannot be a candidate to succeed himself or herself at the election to fill the vacancy.

The petition is required to have a number of signatures equal to at least 7.5% of the total number of registered voters in the county voting in the last election at which the commissioner was elected, and must state the reason for which the recall is sought: misconduct in office; incompetence; or failure to perform duties prescribed by law. Additional procedural requirements are set out in the bill.

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

Greene County
Platte County Board of Election Commission
Office of the Secretary of State
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Jackson County Board of Election Commission



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