

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3921-01  
Bill No.: HB 1932  
Subject: Elections; Ethics  
Type: Original  
Date: January 30, 2020

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to qualifications for public office.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</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 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</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.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</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 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</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 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</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 and Missouri Ethics Commission** both assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue** assume the proposal will have a minimal fiscal impact on their organization and can be absorbed by the Department.

**Oversight** notes that the above agencies have 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 for these agencies.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Board of Elections** assume the proposal would require them to verify the qualifications of 450 municipal candidates every year and 30 primary candidates every other year. With an estimate of an hour per candidate for research, the cost will be about \$10,000 per year.

Officials from the **Kansas City Election Board** assume the cost could range from \$500 to \$2,500 per election.

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

**Oversight** notes that there will be a potential cost to local election authorities to verify the accuracy of affirmation of tax payments for candidates and file complaints if necessary with Department of Revenue. Oversight is unable to determine how much time and expense would occur as a result of the proposal; therefore, Oversight will reflect an unknown cost to local election authorities.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local election authorities were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u></b>	<b>FY 2021 (10 Mo.)</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - verifying accuracy of affirmation of tax payments for candidates	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(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

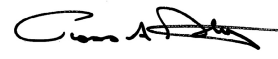
This bill authorizes election authorities who discover noncompliance with tax payments during their candidate qualification screening under Section 115.306, RSMo, to file a complaint with the Department of Revenue if a delinquency is discovered.

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  
Missouri Ethics Commission  
Department of Revenue  
St. Louis County Board of Elections  
Kansas City Election Board  
Platte County Board of Elections

  
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