

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

LR No.: 0402-01
Bill No.: SB 54
Subject: Elections: Political Parties
Type: Original
Date: January 27, 2005

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Local Government	\$0	(Unknown)	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State-Administrative Rules Division** stated this proposal eliminates the provision for straight ticket voting in general elections. The Secretary of State, Elections Division would promulgate rules to enact this legislation. The rules would be published in both the Missouri Register and Code of State Regulations. Officials assume to implement this legislation would require as many as 4 pages in the Code of State Regulations. For any given rule, roughly half again as many pages are published in the Missouri Register as in the Code because cost statements, fiscal notes, and the like are not repeated in Code. The estimated cost of a page in the Missouri Register is \$23. The estimated cost of a page in the Code of State Regulations is \$27. The actual cost could be more. Officials estimate publication cost in FY 2006 at \$246, and is unknown in FY 2007 and 2008.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State - Elections Division** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume this proposal would have minimal fiscal impact. Officials assume doing away with straight party voting would result in longer time to vote a ballot, and assuming the logistics of a presidential election would require that they keep the lines moving at the same rate. Officials assume they would need to purchase a small number of additional vote recorders (one per polling location) to take up the slack.

Officials assume they could purchase a Votomatic machine for approximately \$25 each.

One Votomatic X 480 polling places would have a one-time cost of \$12,000

One additional polling place for each 28 townships (presidential election only) \$150 rentalx 28 would cost \$4,200.

Officials concluded the legislation would have minimal fiscal impact on St. Louis County elections.

Officials of the **Kansas City Board of Election** assume there would be some minimal cost associated with reprogramming. Officials estimate cost would be less than \$1,000.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
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**COUNTY GENERAL REVENUE
 FUND**

<u>Cost</u> to County Election Authorities for programming and equipment *	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government (continued)

*** Cost to local election authorities on a statewide basis is indeterminable and is unknown. Cost are mainly for programming cost and are considered to be minimal.**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This act eliminates straight ticket voting. The act prohibits any ballot from allowing a person to cast a straight political party ticket in any partisan election.

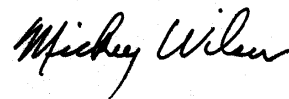
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Secretary of State
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Kansas City Board of Election

NOT RESPONDING

County Clerks of:
Boone County
Greene County
Marion County
Cass County



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