

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</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 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</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 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</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 LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State** assume no fiscal impact to their office.

Officials estimate local costs to 116 election authorities for equipment, supplies, training, and additional staff at \$1,402,007. Officials made estimates based on the current badge identification system used by the Office of Administration

Officials of the **Kansas City Attorney's Office** assume this proposal would have an unknown cost. Cost would be related to the number of persons who request a photo identification card. Officials assume any expense would be reimbursed by the state.

Officials of the **Kansas City Election Board** assumes there would be costs associated with buying photo equipment and other related supplies. Officials assume they would need additional technical assistance at each polling place. Officials stated they have 200 polls, and if the assistant would receive \$150, the costs estimated for an election would be \$30,000 plus photo equipment. Officials assume the state would reimburse all costs associated with this proposal.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials of the **Jefferson County Clerk's Office** assume there would be some cost for photo equipment and supplies. Officials estimate ongoing annual costs for staff at \$500.

**Platte County Board of Election** Officials estimate initial costs of \$20,500 for equipment, training, and supplies. Officials estimate annual costs of \$4,000.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal would have some cost on counties and other election boards for photo equipment and related supplies. Oversight assumes there would be some additional duties and would require additional staff. **On a statewide basis, Oversight will show cost to counties as unknown and expect first year, one-time costs to exceed \$100,000. Oversight assumes election authorities would have annual costs for staff, supplies and other related activities that would exceed \$100,000.**

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

**COUNTIES GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

<u>Cost</u> to County Election Authorities for equipment and additional staff	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO COUNTIES *</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>

**\* Oversight assumes annual costs on a statewide basis to exceed \$100,000. Oversight assumes counties would have first year startup costs that would exceed \$100,000.**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

## DESCRIPTION

Under current law, registered voters must produce certain types of personal identification at the polls in order to receive a ballot. This act changes the law by requiring voters to produce photographic identification to receive a ballot. Election authorities will no longer be allowed to accept, as valid identification, a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or any other form of identification that does not include a photograph of the voter.

This act also requires the election authorities of the state to issue an official photographic voter identification card to any registered voter, free of charge, if the voter cannot acquire alternative photographic identification.

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- Elections Division  
Kansas City Attorney  
Kansas City Election Board  
Jefferson County Clerk

## NOT RESPONDING

Oversight sent response request to St. Louis City and County Board of Election Commissions, and to County Clerks of Boone, Callaway, Marion, Johnson, Warren, St. Charles, and many other Counties.



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