

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3354-02  
Bill No.: SB 586  
Subject: Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils; Circuit Clerk; Courts; Counties;  
Domestic Relations; Family Law; Fees; State Treasurer  
Type: Original  
Date: January 18, 2006

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
<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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Missouri CASA*	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds*</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**\* Offsetting revenues and expenditures to the Missouri CASA Fund of approximately \$150,000 per fiscal year.**

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 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</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 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposed legislation would increase the surcharge for the CASA fund from \$2.00 to \$5.00, and allow counties to impose a similar surcharge of up to \$5.00 to fund a county's CASA program. CTS anticipates the maximum total revenue from a \$5.00 surcharge would be \$256,019 per fiscal year.

**Oversight** assumes the proposal increases the surcharge for the CASA fund from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Therefore, Oversight has shown a fiscal impact reflecting the \$3.00 increase, or \$153,611 per year. The fiscal impact is reduced in FY 07 to reflect 10 months.

Officials from **Greene County** estimate \$7,500 to \$10,000 per year for the statewide surcharge coming from Greene County. The county commission authorized surcharge could generate up to \$12,500 to the Greene County CASA program.

**Oversight** assumes the county surcharge on domestic relation petitions filed is permissive. Therefore, Oversight has shown no county fiscal impact.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **State Treasurer’s Office, Greene County, Jackson County, and St. Louis County** did not respond to Oversight’s request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
<b>MISSOURI CASA FUND</b>			
<u>Revenues</u> – State Treasurer’s Office			
From increased surcharge	\$128,009	\$153,611	\$153,611
<u>Costs</u> – State Treasurer’s Office			
Expenditures on CASA Programs	<u>(\$128,009)</u>	<u>(\$153,611)</u>	<u>(\$153,611)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON MISSOURI CASA FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation raises the statewide surcharge on domestic relations petitions from two dollars to five dollars, to be deposited into the Missouri Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Fund. Three dollars of the surcharge shall be used to fund recognized CASA programs, and two dollars of the surcharge shall be used to fund new start-up CASA programs. In addition to the statewide surcharge, the proposal also provides that each county commission, by majority vote, may establish an additional surcharge on domestic relations petitions, not to exceed five dollars per petition filed. The county surcharge shall be payable to the county treasurer and disbursed to the county's CASA programs, or to start a new CASA program within the collecting county.

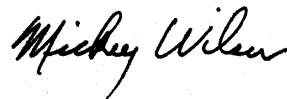
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator  
Greene County

NOT RESPONDING

**State Treasurer's Office**  
**Greene County**  
**Jackson County**  
**St. Louis County**



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