

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3989-01
Bill No.: SJR 37
Subject: Constitutional Amendments; Appropriations; General Assembly; Governor & Lt. Governor
Type: Original
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	(\$52,560)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$52,560)	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration (COA) - Division of Accounting, COA - Division of Budget and Planning, Office of the Governor, Missouri House of Representatives, Office of Lieutenant Governor, Missouri Senate, and Platte County Board of Elections** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organizations.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** provided that statewide newspaper publication of state statutes costs approximately \$1,752 per column inch based on an estimate provided by the Missouri Press Service times three (3) for multiple printings as required by the Constitution and state statute. The total cost per column inch would be \$5,256 (\$1,752 X 3). The estimated total number of inches for this amendment is ten (10) inches, which includes title header and certification paragraph. Therefore, the estimated cost to publish notice of this amendment is \$52,560 (10 inches X \$5,256 per inch).

If a special election is called for this purpose rather than being voted on at a general election, the cost of the special election has been estimated to be \$1.2 million based on the cost of the past two special elections.

Officials from the **Kansas City Elections Board (KCEB)** state the proposal would entail an election for a Constitutional Amendment. Costs to the state would be for publication of legal notices. Those costs have been averaging between \$3,600 and \$9,000.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight assumes local counties could absorb the costs associated with this proposal if the vote occurred at a general election.

Officials from the **St. Louis City Board of Elections, Jackson County Election Board, and St. Louis County Board of Elections** did not respond to our request for a statement of fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs - Office of Secretary of State</u>			
Newspaper notification costs	<u>(\$52,560)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$52,560)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, requires that all appropriations made by the General Assembly shall not exceed the official estimate of available state revenues.

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 Administration -
 Division of Accounting
 Division of Budget and Planning
Office of the Governor
Office of Lieutenant Governor
Missouri House of Representatives
Missouri Senate
Office of Secretary of State -
 Elections Division
Kansas City Elections Board
Platte County Board of Elections

**NOT RESPONDING: St. Louis City Board of Elections, Jackson County Election Board
and St. Louis County Board of Elections**



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