# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

## **FISCAL NOTE**

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 3131-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: SJR 31

Subject: Roads and Highways; Transportation Department; Motor Vehicles.

Type: Original

Date: January 8, 2008

Bill Summary: This proposes constitutional change to allow the Department of

Transportation to construct and maintain toll roads.

## **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

- ☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- □ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	

#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials at the **Missouri Department of Transportation** (**MoDOT**) assume this legislation would provide MHTC with an alternative method to partially fund and build needed transportation facilities in the state. There would be no fiscal impact on MHTC/MoDOT from this legislation until MHTC decides to pursue the construction of a toll facility.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal would provide additional constitutional parameters on the authority of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission (MHTC) and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to build, improve, operate and maintain toll facilities. Oversight assumes this proposal would become effective upon passage of a constitutional amendment allowing toll roads. Oversight assumes this proposal would have no fiscal impact from this legislation on MHTC/MoDOT until MHTC/MoDOT decides to pursue construction of a toll facility. Oversight assumes that if this constitutional amendment is passed and MoDOT decides to pursue the construction of toll facilities that any costs incurred in the creation of the toll roads is outside the time period of this fiscal note.

Officials at the **Office of the Attorney General** assume that the costs associated with reviewing ballot language should the general assembly adopt this proposal could be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials at the **Platte County** assume the burden of the costs of an election in November 2008 would be theirs.

Officials at the **Department of Public Safety** states the fiscal impact is unknown.

Officials at the Office of the State Treasurer, Office of Administration, Department of Revenue, St. Louis County and the Missouri Highway Patrol assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal for their respective departments.

Officials at the **Division of Budget and Planning** assume this proposal would not result in additional costs or savings to the Division of Budget and Planning.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for

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# <u>ASSUMPTION</u> (continued)

this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

**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.

Officials at the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) assume many joint resolutions are considered by the General Assembly that would require the SOS to pay for publishing in local newspapers the full text of each statewide ballot measure as directed by Article XII, Section 2(b) of the Missouri Constitution and Section 116.230-116.290, RSMo. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. Funding for this item is adjusted each year depending upon the election cycle with \$1.6 million historically appropriated in even numbered fiscal years and \$100,000 appropriated in odd numbered fiscal years to meet these requirements. The appropriation has historically been an estimated appropriation because the final cost is dependent upon the number of ballot measures approved by the General Assembly and the initiative petitions certified for the ballot. In FY 2007 at the August and November elections there were 6 statewide Constitutional Amendments or ballot propositions that cost \$1.2 million to publish (an average of \$193,000 per issue). Therefore, the SOS assumes, for the purposes of this fiscal note, that it should have the full appropriation authority it needs to meet the publishing requirements. However, because these requirements are mandatory, we reserve the right to request funding to meet the cost of our publishing requirements if the Governor and the General Assembly change the amount or eliminate the estimated nature of our appropriation.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of advertising the statewide ballot measure related to this proposal within their current appropriation level. If multiple bills pass or if multiple ballot initiatives are validated which require similar advertising at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

**Oversight** assumes that the local governments can absorb the cost of this constitutional amendment to be voted on in the November 2008 election.

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FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011
	<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.

## FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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 Attorney General
Office of the State Treasurer
Department of Revenue
Missouri Highway Patrol
Office of Administration
Platte County
Department of Public Safety
St. Louis County
Office of the Secretary of State
Budget and Planning
Missouri Department of Transportation

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