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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0190-02  
Bill No.: SB 22  
Subject: Elections  
Type: Original  
Date: January 13, 2009

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies ballot requirements for elections.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Revenue	\$0	(\$746,363 to \$1,306,135)	(\$376,643 to \$659,125)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$746,363 to \$1,306,135)</b>	<b>(\$376,643 to \$659,125)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
<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.  
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</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 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this bill requires that voters who wish to vote in an election be given the choice of casting their vote on a DRE electronic voting machine or a paper ballot. This bill also requires that in order to ensure that voters are given this choice, that State of Missouri shall pay for paper ballots for state and federal elections.

By sampling several Local Election Authorities across the State, the SOS has determined that the average cost per ballot for an election is approximately 20 to 35 cents. (Ballot totals generated in congruence with section 115.247.3)

In accordance with state law it is estimated that 3,731,814 ballots will need to be printed in FY 2011 for the 2010 general election.

$$3,731,814 \times .20 = 746,363$$
$$3,731,814 \times .35 = 1,306,135$$

In accordance with state law it is estimated that 1,883,215 ballots will need to be printed in FY 2012 for the February 2012 presidential primary and August 2012 primary election.

$$1,883,215 \times .20 = 376,643$$
$$1,883,215 \times .35 = 659,125$$

**Oversight** assumes the costs of the elections are based on the current statutorily set election dates.

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election** assume that based on the number of voters who may ask for the paper ballot it could cost:

2010 paper ballot costs:

Mid-Term August Primary (Assume 25% turnout) of 700,000 RV	
20% of voters (35,000) will vote on paper @ 35¢ each	\$12,250
General Election (Assume 60% turnout) of 700,000 RV	
50% of voters (175,000) will vote on paper @ 35¢ each	\$61,250

2011 paper ballot costs: No federal or statewide ballot issues

2012 paper ballot costs:

Presidential Primary (Assume 30% turnout) of 700,000 RV	
20% of voters (35,000) will vote on paper @ 35¢ each	\$12,250
August Primary (Assume 25% turnout) of 700,000 RV	
20% of voters (42,000) will vote on paper @ 35¢ each	\$14,700

ASSUMPTION (continued)

General Election (Assume 80% turnout) of 700,000 RV  
 70% of voters (490,000) will vote on paper @ 35¢ each \$171,500

Officials at the **City of Centralia, Platte County Board of Election Commission** and the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **City of Joplin** assume no impact unless the fee charged by the county for election costs is increased due to this legislation.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost - printing of paper ballots</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$746,363 to \$1,306,135)</u>	<u>(\$376,643 to \$659,125)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>(\$746,363 to \$1,306,135)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$376,643 to \$659,125)</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<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

This act requires all election authorities to provide ballot cards for every election in which a state or federal office or measure is on the ballot.

All voters shall have the opportunity to vote a paper ballot and those ballots shall be counted. Notice shall be provided at polling places stating that paper ballots are available. The state shall

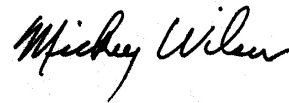
FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

pay for the cost of printing the paper ballot cards.

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

St. Louis County Board of Election  
City of Centralia  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Platte County Board of Election Commission  
City of Joplin  
Kansas City Board of Election Commission



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