# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

# **FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1237-01

Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed HB 709

Subject: Elections; Secretary of State

Type: Original Date: June 1, 2009

Bill Summary: This proposal provides for issuance of voter identification cards.

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other 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 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	
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 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	

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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials at the **Cass County** and the **Lawrence County** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **Texas County** assume a cost of \$10,000 per election for labor, printing, postage and other related expenditures.

Officials at the **Carroll County** assume a cost of \$4,000 every other year for printing, postage and staff time.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume the anticipated costs for printing 60,000 voter identification cards, in 2010 and in 2012 is between \$1,200 to \$1,500.

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 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.

**Oversight** assumes that since election authorities are currently required to send to each voter a notification card and this proposal changes the notification card to an identification card that there is no additional cost to the election authority for this proposal.

**Oversight** assumes that this will require election authorities to send a notice to those who previously had not received a notice according to existing statute. Therefore there is no additional cost to the election authority for this proposal.

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### ASSUMPTION (continued)

No other Board of Election Commission or Local Election Authority responded to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	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

Currently, election authorities are required to issue voter notification cards to voters no later than 90 days prior to a primary or general election for federal office with certain exceptions. This bill changes the reference from notification to identification cards and specifies that individuals registering to vote by mail who have not previously voted will not receive a voter identification card, but anyone who registers to vote by mail and has not yet voted must receive a verification notice at least 90 days prior to the date of a primary or general election for federal office.

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

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# SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State
Cass County
Lawrence County
Platte County Board of Election Commission
Texas County
Carroll County

# **NOT RESPONDING**

Kansas City Board of Election Commission

St. Louis City Board of Election Commission

Clay County Board of Election Commission

Jackson County Board of Election Commission

St. Louis County Board of Election Commission

**Andrew County** 

**Barry County** 

**Bates County** 

**Boone County** 

**Buchanan County** 

**Butler County** 

Callaway County

Camden County

Cape Girardeau County

**Clinton County** 

Cole County

Cooper County

Franklin County

Greene County

**Hickory County** 

Jasper County

Jefferson County

Johnson County

**Knox County** 

Laclede County

Lafayette County

Lawrence County

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# NOT RESPONDING (continued)

Marion County

Miller County

Monroe County

**Montgomery County** 

New Madrid County

**Nodaway County** 

Ozark County

**Pemiscot County** 

Perry County

Phelps County

Pulaski County

St. Charles County

St. Francois County

**Taney County** 

Warren County

Webster County

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