

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2185-04
Bill No.: HCS for SB 485
Subject: Banks and Financial Institutions; Campaign Finance; Ethics
Type: Original
Date: April 24, 2009

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies various election laws.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Revenue	(Unknown greater than \$15,792)	(Unknown greater than \$15,792)	(Unknown greater than \$15,792)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(Unknown greater than \$15,792)	(Unknown greater than \$15,792)	(Unknown greater than \$15,792)

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

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Federal Funds	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

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
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Section 130.021 Redacting Account Information

Officials at the **Missouri Ethics Commission** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Section 60.010 Election of Land Surveyors

In response to similar legislation filed this year, HB 739, officials from **Cass County** and **St. Louis County** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organizations. No other counties responded to Oversight's request for information.

Oversight notes that this proposal would allow the county commission of a third or fourth class county to appoint a surveyor, if no qualified candidate files for election to the position of county surveyor. Oversight assumes the proposal would have no fiscal impact.

Section 115.278 Military Voting Provisions

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** are unable to determine a specific cost due to the limited data available for internet voting. Based on the research SOS has conducted, there are very few entities using similar technology. The two most prominent entities that provide internet voting are Australia and Okaloosa County, Florida.

Okaloosa County implemented a pilot project for overseas voters in 2008. This program cost over \$400,000 and had 93 voters use the system, at a cost of approximately \$4,300 per vote. In Australia, a system was implemented that cost approximately \$1.1 million. There were about 1,511 ballots cast using this system at \$728 per voter.

In the November 2008 general election, there were 7,912 Missouri overseas military ballots cast.

This bill requires SOS to provide voter education information to overseas voters. Based on the voter education information provided to overseas voters prior to the 2008 General election, this requirement could cost \$15,792.

\$1.05 per poster x 500=\$525

\$1.00 per mailer x 15,267 military and overseas voters =\$15,267

Officials at the **Missouri Veterans Commission, Department of Public Safety's Director's Office** and the **Office of the Adjutant General/Missouri National Guard** assume that there is

ASSUMPTION (continued)

no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume the impact of this bill would be in two areas: 1) local ballot tabulation software vendor would have to upgrade its software to interface with a state-approved internet voting software provider. This upgrade would probably be apportioned amongst that vendor's current Missouri client counties and boards; 2) there would be an additional level of coding involved in setting up ballots for those in federal service under this act. It is the experience of the Board of Elections that additional election coding of this nature is always extremely labor intensive.

Oversight assumes that the Office of the Secretary of State could incur costs associated with establishing a system that allows members of the military to vote via the internet. Oversight assumes that those costs are unknown and would be paid by general revenue and federal funds. Oversight has shown the costs as unknown.

Bill as a Whole

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.

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

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost</u> - Secretary of State voting via the internet	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<u>Cost</u> - Secretary of State voter information	<u>(\$15,792)</u>	<u>(\$15,792)</u>	<u>(\$15,792)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(Unknown greater than \$15,792)</u>	<u>(Unknown greater than \$15,792)</u>	<u>(Unknown greater than \$15,792)</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS			
<u>Cost</u> - Secretary of State voting via the internet	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<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

The Ethics Commission is required to redact the bank account number contained on a committee's statement of organization before it makes the statement public.

This bill requires the Secretary of State to establish and implement a secure and confidential system for allowing members of the armed forces, their spouses, and dependents to vote using

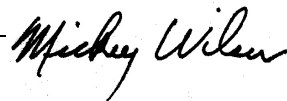
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the Internet.

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

Missouri Ethics Commission
Office of the Secretary of State
Missouri Veterans Commission
Department of Public Safety's
 Director's Office
 Office of the Adjutant General/Missouri National Guard
City of Centralia
Cass County
St. Louis County
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
City of Kansas City
Platte County Board of Election Commission



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