

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5868-01
Bill No.: SB 814
Subject: Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils; County Government; Natural Resources Dept.; Property, Real and Personal; Surveyors
Type: Original
Date: March 5, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to state land survey duties.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
General Revenue	(\$66,161)	(\$75,606)	(\$76,413)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$66,161)	(\$75,606)	(\$76,413)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Cost Allocation (0500)	(\$21,004)	(\$24,402)	(\$24,259)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	(\$21,004)	(\$24,402)	(\$24,259)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Federal	(\$17,853)	(\$20,403)	(\$20,620)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	(\$17,853)	(\$20,403)	(\$20,620)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
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 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assumes this proposal would increase the costs to administer and operate the land survey program over the long term. In addition to the increased cost of a deputy division director position, there is also the potential for long term impacts from the acquisition of new office space and property. This proposal would also increase the number of members on a newly created Commission which would require additional resources for reimbursement to members.

Section 59.319.3(3):

DNR state this section would create the Missouri Land Survey Fund in which to deposit the existing \$1 fee to be utilized for the purposes of sections 60.510 to 60.620 and section 60.670. The state treasurer would be custodian of the fund and would approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo.

Section 60.540:

DNR assumes this section would give DNR the authority to purchase property for the establishment of an office for the Land Survey Program. If additional office(s) are established by the program, this could lead to increased administrative costs and increase maintenance and capital improvement costs.

Section 60.570:

DNR state this section would allow the land survey program to establish regional offices in the metropolitan areas of the state for the storage and distribution of local survey record information. If additional office(s) are established by the program, this could lead to increased administrative costs and increase maintenance and capital improvement costs.

DNR assumes an unknown fiscal impact for this section due to variables associated with how many offices may be established and associated needs for each office. If additional office(s) are established by the program this could lead to increased administrative costs and increase maintenance and capital improvement costs.

ASSUMPTION (Continued)

Section 60.620:

DNR assumes this section would create a new Deputy Division Director position who would serve at the pleasure of the authority.

DNR assumes this proposal would be a senior level administrative and technical managerial position in support of the division director and operations of the organization with responsibilities involving department, division, and program interaction. The department assumes the salary would be comparable to other deputy division positions in the department and that the costs would be handled as other administrative positions.

DNR state that a portion of the fee paid into the Land Survey Fund will be used to pay the cost of the salary of the new Deputy Director because a portion of the Land Survey Fund will go into the Cost Allocation Fund (CAF). All of the department's dedicated fees make up numerous individual funds, which have a portion of each fund transferred into the CAF to pay indirect costs.

DNR states this section would establish a new Land Survey Commission to replace the Land Survey Advisory Committee and would increase membership from 5 to 7 members.

Bill as a Whole

Oversight assumes this proposal creates a new position within DNR. This proposal creates a new State Land Surveyor or Deputy Division Director for the Land Survey Program. This new position will be funded through General Revenue, Cost Allocation (0500), and Federal Funds.

Oversight assumes any administrative costs and costs for the reimbursement of new commission members could be absorbed through the existing land survey user fees and existing appropriation.

Oversight assumes the State Land Surveyor could be placed in existing office space within DNR in Jefferson City or the Office of the Missouri State Geological Survey in Rolla, MO.

Oversight assumes this proposal states the Land Survey Program may establish and maintain regional offices in metropolitan areas for the storage and distribution of local survey record information.

ASSUMPTION (Continued)

Oversight assumes this program already exists and DNR has regional offices for storage and distribution of local survey record information throughout the state at its current locations. If DNR seeks to establish separate regional offices for the Land Survey Program then additional funding for the administrative costs and office space may be requested through the normal appropriation process at that time.

Officials at the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** assumes that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

In response to a similar proposal, LR 4644-04, HCS for HB 1395, officials at the **Office of Administration** assumed there was no fiscal impact from this proposed legislation.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost</u> - Salary and Fringe Benefits for Deputy Division Director	<u>(\$66,161)</u>	<u>(\$75,606)</u>	<u>(\$76,413)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>(\$66,161)</u>	<u>(\$75,606)</u>	<u>(\$24,259)</u>
DNR COST ALLOCATION FUND (0500)			
<u>Cost</u> - Salary and Fringe Benefits for Deputy Division Director	<u>(\$21,004)</u>	<u>(\$24,002)</u>	<u>(\$24,259)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON DNR COST ALLOCATION FUND (0500)	<u>(\$21,004)</u>	<u>(\$24,002)</u>	<u>(\$24,259)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Federal Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
FEDERAL FUNDS			
<u>Cost - Salary and Fringe Benefits for Deputy Division Director</u>	<u>(\$17,853)</u>	<u>(\$20,403)</u>	<u>(\$20,620)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>(\$17,853)</u>	<u>(\$20,403)</u>	<u>(\$20,620)</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2014	 FY 2015
	<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

Under current law, \$1 of a \$4 fee collected by county recorders is remitted to the state for purposes of administering state land survey duties by the Department of Natural Resources. The act creates the Missouri Land Survey Fund and directs the fee revenue into this fund.

The act changes the name of the state land survey authority to the land survey program and updates statutory references in numerous places.

The act modifies several of the land survey duties of the Department of Natural Resources. It directs the department to provide the framework for all geodetic positioning activities in the state. Under current law, the department's regulations for land surveyors are advisory in nature. The act removes the advisory nature of the department's regulations, making the department's regulations enforceable.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (Continued)

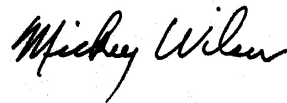
The act changes the name of the Land Survey Advisory Committee to the Land Survey Commission and increases the membership on the Commission from 5 to 7. It limits members to three consecutive terms. The act adds a few additional duties to the Commission: providing recommendations on the operation of the land survey program and the selection of the state land surveyor. It also requires the Attorney General to advise the Commission upon its request and represent the Commission in legal proceedings.

The act allows revenue from sales of the department's surveying information to be deposited in the Department of Natural Resources Revolving Services Fund and expands what the Fund may be used for, which includes computer hardware and software and personnel related to retail services provided by the land survey program to the public.

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

Department of Natural Resources
Office of Administration
Office of the Attorney General
State Treasurer's Office



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