

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0842-02  
Bill No.: Perfected HB 163  
Subject: Elections; Political Parties; Cities, Towns, and Villages  
Type: Original  
Date: March 6, 2013

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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes procedures for any person desiring to become a candidate for mayor or councilman in certain cities in which the primary election for such race has been cancelled.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<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 4 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</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 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</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 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### § 78.090 - Certain Third Class City Primary Elections:

Officials at the **City of Monett** state primary elections were held in 2012 and 2008 at an average cost of \$6,056. Neither primary election was needed to reduce the number of candidates required for the general municipal election in April. In the last four primary and general elections (2012, 2008, 2004, 2000), only one actually eliminated a candidate.

In response to similar legislation from 2012 (HB 1250), officials at the **City of West Plains** stated the Office of Mayor and City Councilman have 4 year terms of office. Primary elections are held each year if enough candidates have filed for the elected office. This proposal would allow the city to cancel the primary if two or fewer candidates file for the elected office. The city would realize a savings if the primary is cancelled.

In response to similar legislation from 2012 (HB 1250), officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** assumed the City of West Plains and the City of Monett are the only two 3<sup>rd</sup> class cities with a commission form of government that have a primary election.

SOS assumes that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

**Oversight** assumes the City of West Plains and the City of Monett may or may not choose to have a primary election for the office of mayor and councilman. The respective cities would realize minimal savings, dependent upon the cancellation of the February primary when the number of candidates that file for the office of mayor and councilman does not exceed the number required to proceed to the general election.

**Oversight** assumes the proposal is permissive, and for the purpose of the fiscal note, will show no savings to the City of West Plains and the City of Monett.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<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 direct 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 Secretary of State  
City of West Plains  
City of Monett



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