

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4491-02  
Bill No.: SCS for SB 593  
Subject: Elections; Political Subdivisions; Secretary of State  
Type: Original  
Date: March 7, 2014

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to nonpartisan elections.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<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>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<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.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</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 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</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 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State** and the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** each assume there is no fiscal impact to their respective organizations from this proposal.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume any cities, towns or villages calling for a non-election would have a savings of \$150 to \$8,000 per general election. However, they would have costs of \$200 to \$650 for the election legal notices.

In response to a previous version of this proposal, officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** and the **Lawrence County, Lincoln County** each assumed there is no fiscal impact to their respective organizations from this proposal.

In response to the previous version of this proposal, officials at the **Jackson County Board of Election Commission** assumed the impact will be based on which part of their jurisdiction is not having the election. The amount for the legal publication would be \$500 to \$2,000 depending on which newspaper we would be required to utilize.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal requires political subdivisions that are not having an election to publish the names of the candidates that assume the responsibilities of the office in the newspaper. Oversight assumes this would fiscally impact local political subdivision by an unknown amount for the cost of the newspaper advertisement.

Officials at the following boards of election commissions: St. Louis City Board of Election Commission and the Clay County Board of Election Commission did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Audrain, Barry, Bates, Boone, Buchanan, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Franklin, Greene, Holt, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Francois, Taney, Warren, Wayne and Worth did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>			
<u>Cost - Local Political Subdivisions - newspaper ad</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FUNDS</b>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</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, with the exception of municipal elections, nonpartisan elections in political subdivisions and special districts need not be held when the number of candidates who have filed is equal to the number of positions to be filled.

This act narrows the exception to municipal elections in cities towns and villages with 1,000 or fewer inhabitants. The governing body in those jurisdictions may pass an ordinance to forego such elections when the number of candidates who have filed is equal to the number of positions to be filled. The passage of such an ordinance authorizes the jurisdiction to refrain from holding such elections for 6 years from its passage, at which time the jurisdiction is required to pass another such ordinance.

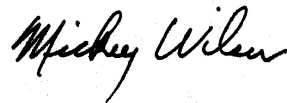
The act requires public notice to be published by the first of the month in which the election would have occurred containing the names of candidates that will be placed in office when the election is not held.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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

Jackson County Board of Election Commission  
Kansas City Board of Election Commission  
Lawrence County  
Lincoln County  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Platte County Board of Election Commission  
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission



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