

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4491-03  
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SS for SCS for SB 593  
Subject: Elections; Political Subdivisions; Secretary of State  
Type: Original  
Date: June 5, 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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<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 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<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 6 pages.

<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

#### §115.124 Non-Election Notifications

Officials at **St. Francois County Clerk's Office** 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 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 \$100 to \$1,000.

**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.

#### §190.336 Recall provisions of emergency services board members

**Oversight** assumes the occurrence of a recall of an emergency services board member would occur infrequently. Oversight also assumes that if the recall process would progress to the point of being submitting to the voters of the district, that the election would occur on an already scheduled election date; therefore, additional costs would be nominal. With these assumptions, Oversight will assume this provision will not create a fiscal impact to local election authorities.

Officials at the following board of election commissions: Kansas City Board of Election Commission, 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, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, St. Charles, St. Louis, Taney, Warren, Wayne and Worth did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the Office of the Secretary of State did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact. Oversight assumes this proposal places requirements on local election authorities and not the Office of the Secretary of State and therefore, this proposal would not fiscally impact the Office of the Secretary of State.

<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
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**LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

<u>Cost - Local Political Subdivisions - newspaper ad</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FUNDS</b>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act allows certain political subdivisions to waive conducting non-partisan elections and provides a recall procedure for members of an emergency services board.

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 more than 1,000 inhabitants. The governing body in jurisdictions with 1,000 or fewer inhabitants may pass an ordinance to forego such elections when the number of candidates who have filed is equal to

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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.

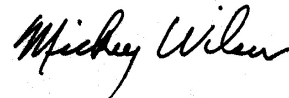
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Jackson County Board of Election Commission  
Kansas City Board of Election Commission  
Lawrence County  
Lincoln County  
Platte County Board of Election Commission  
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission

**Not Responding**

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