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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6133-02
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SCS for SB 892
Subject: Elections; Secretary of State
Type: Original
Date: May 28, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the presidential primary election date from February to March.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue	\$0	(Up to \$37,495,000)	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	(Up to \$37,495,000)	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
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 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this proposal changes the date of the Presidential Preference Primary to the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each presidential election year.

Based on the 2012 Presidential Preference Primary, the total costs incurred by the state for holding a statewide election is \$7.1 million. Thus, moving the Presidential Preference Primary to March will cost the state an estimated \$7.1 million.

By moving the Presidential Preference Primary Election to the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March, this leaves approximately two weeks between the Presidential Primary and the general municipal election. Voting machines may need to be reprogrammed to accommodate the general municipal election. In the event that local election authorities do not have sufficient time to reprogram their voting machines, additional voting machines may need to be purchased. Because it is difficult to estimate the number of machines needed, the estimated costs are unknown but may be up to \$37,495,000.

For purposes of this fiscal note, it is unclear whether the funding for this proposal will be provided by the state or local governments.

Oversight assumes the state is already required to pay the \$7.1 million election cost for the Presidential Preference Primary in February. Moving the election from February to March would not change the amount paid. Therefore, since the state already pays that amount, Oversight will not reflect those costs in the fiscal note.

Oversight assumes this proposal moves the election to the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March. In Fiscal Year 2016, the date of the next Presidential Primary would become March 15, 2016. Having this election too close to the April Municipal election may result in the need for additional voting systems. **Oversight** will reflect the cost of the machines in the fiscal note as the estimate provided by SOS.

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume having two elections (March and April) in a one month period is extremely difficult, especially if the April election is city-wide. Assuming this scenario, additional election machines and a place to program these machines would need to be rented. The estimate range would be \$0 to \$100,000 depending on the size of the April election.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume this would require the purchase of a separate voting system that would create a one-time cost of \$177,000. The current voting systems would already be in use for the April election making it necessary to purchase additional equipment.

Officials at the **St. Francois County** assume this proposal would add an additional cost of \$3,500 for the purchase of additional voting machines. This cost would be a one-time cost.

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume this proposal would add about \$500,000 to the election cycle costs. This would cover the additional costs of overtime, additional machines and logistical issues as we will be simultaneously performing two elections (March Presidential and April Municipal).

Officials at the following board of election commissions: St. Louis City Board of Election Commission, Clay County Board of Election Commission and the Jackson 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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost - Secretary of State - one-time purchase of additional voting equipment</u>	<u>\$0</u>	(Up to <u>\$37,495,000</u>)	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>\$0</u>	(Up to <u>\$37,495,000</u>)	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<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.

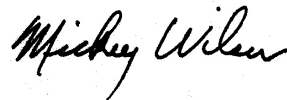
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Under current law, the presidential primary is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February. This act changes that date to the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March.

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

Kansas City Board of Election Commission
Office of the Secretary of State
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St. Francois County
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