

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0596-05  
Bill No.: HCS for SCS for SB Nos. 34 and 105  
Subject: Elections, Military affairs  
Type: Original  
Date: April 21, 2015

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Bill Summary: This proposal allows for military and overseas voter registration and voting.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
General Revenue	(\$15,400)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$15,400)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</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.  
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</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 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

In response to a previous version, officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assumed this proposal would allow military and overseas voters to vote in all elections involving federal office, statewide office, statewide legislative office, or statewide initiatives. To meet these requirements, programming changes will be made with the centralized voter registration database and military portal to incorporate these new categories of voters with an estimated one-time cost of \$15,400.

In response to a previous version, officials at the **Platte County Board of Elections** assumed up to \$6,500 in FY 2016 to purchase wireless hotspots and up to \$1,300 per election for data. This cost reflects the need for real time poll book (Poll Pad) updates that could be required by 115.135 (4). Allowing Poll Pads to access the most current data is the most reliable way to avoid conflict or misinformation on election day. Loading election data represents a significant investment in staff time and is a task that is done several days before this proposal requires to close registration for qualified service members. At that point, the Poll Pads will be sealed and won't be opened again until election judges set them up on election day. Without network access, newly registered voters will not be included in the list of eligible voters.

**Oversight** assumes the amount of people who would qualify under this proposal would be minimal, and therefore the local election authorities could absorb these costs with existing resources.

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

In response to a previous version the **Lincoln County Clerk's Office** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal to their respective organization.

Officials at the following boards of election commission: Kansas City Board of Election Commission, St. Louis City Board of Election Commission, and Clay County Board of Election Commission **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barry, Bollinger, Boone, Buchanan, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Dent, Franklin, Greene, Holt, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lawrence, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, Shelby, 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 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost - SOS - computer programming</u>	<u>(\$15,400)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>(\$15,400)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<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

This proposal extends voter registration deadline for certain military and overseas voters and permits covered voters who are eligible and vote in Missouri to vote for certain offices by submitting a federal postcard application.

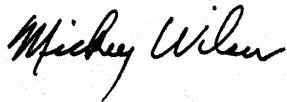
This proposal has an emergency clause.

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

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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