

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1548-01  
Bill No.: SB 289  
Subject: County Government; County Officials; Elections  
Type: Original  
Date: March 6, 2015

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies the law relating to public office.

**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>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</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 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 4 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

**Oversight** was unable to receive some of the agency responses in a timely manner due to the short fiscal note request time. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information that we have or on prior year information regarding a similar bill. Upon the receipt of agency responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval of the chairperson of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to publish a new fiscal note.

In response to similar legislation filed this year (HB 212), officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State** assumed this proposal would require the Governor, if at the time the vacancy occurs there is one year or more remaining in the unexpired term, to issue a writ of election within thirty days of receiving the certification of vacancy. Due to the un-predictability of when vacancies occur and the geographical size of the vacated district, costs associated with this proposal are difficult to estimate. In previous county wide elections, where one race is on the ballot, costs have varied from \$6,058 to \$275,000 per election.

Officials at the **Lincoln County Clerk's Office** assume this proposal has the potential to cost Lincoln County up \$35,000 to \$65,000 per instance that an election is ordered. That is based upon the cost of the County holding a county wide election when there is otherwise no county wide issue from the County on the ballot. If the election is ordered during an August Primary or a November General Election, there would be no additional cost to the County.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume the costs of a single issue election are up to \$65,000 for a county wide election (i.e. Presiding Commissioner).

Officials at the **Office of the Governor**, the **Jackson County Clerk's Office**, and the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission**, assume no fiscal impact to their organization.

**Oversight** assumes that currently if a vacancy occurs in the county commissioner seat, the Governor appoints a new commissioner. This proposal will require the vacancy to be filled at the next regular election if a year or more remains of the commissioner's term. Oversight assumes that should this occur, the local election authorities can absorb this cost with current election expenses.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<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.

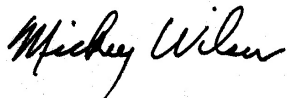
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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 the Secretary of State  
Platte County Board of Election Commission  
Office of the Governor  
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission  
Lincoln County Clerk's Office  
Jackson County Clerk's Office



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