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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4034-02
Bill No.: SB 749
Subject: Elections; Emergencies; Secretary of State
Type: Original
Date: December 31, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal allows emergency workers to request, receive and submit absentee ballots.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
| | | | |
| 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 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Cole County Clerk's Office** state they currently let emergency workers that are going to be on duty election day vote absentee ballots. They don't request it by mail, they simply come into the office. If it was to become a law and Cole County had to let every emergency worker vote absentee whether on duty or not it would depend on if they request a ballot by mail or came into the office to vote. If they came into the office to vote it would only cost about \$1.00 per person for the expense of the absentee ballot envelope. If they requested it by mail then it would cost about \$4.00 per person. That would be for 2 ballot envelopes and postage to and from the voter. If there are 2,000 Emergency workers in Cole County it would cost \$8,000 to mail out absentee ballots.

In response to similar legislation from last year (SB 136), officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assumed the potential impact to the St. Louis County Absentee Department would be very minimal. Any possible additional costs would include a new affidavit envelope that includes an "emergency worker" reason for voting absentee and a few hours of overtime if there were a large amount of emergency worker applications to be processed. No additional mailing costs would be anticipated.

In response to similar legislation from last year (SB 136), officials at the **St. Louis City Board of Election Commission** assumed this proposal could have some costs associated with it if the current absentee envelopes would need to be changed to reflect "emergency worker" as a reason to vote absentee. Additional costs could be applied if the type of mailing changed as well.

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal to their organization.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal to their organization.

Officials at **Lincoln County, Buchanan County, Mississippi County, and Callaway County** each assume no fiscal impact from this proposal to their respective organizations.

Oversight assumes this proposal would not have an impact unless an emergency was declared and the emergency workers requested absentee ballots. Oversight assumes the local election authorities could provide those absentee ballots within their existing resources and therefore, this proposal would not have a fiscal impact.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barry, Bollinger, Boone, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Christian, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Dent, Franklin, Greene, Holt, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lawrence, Maries, 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.

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| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2017 (10 Mo.) | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2017 (10 Mo.) | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
| | <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.

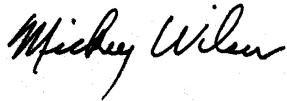
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
St. Louis City Board of Election Commission
Callaway County
Cole County
Mississippi County
Lincoln County



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