

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4197-01  
Bill No.: HB 1983  
Subject: General Assembly; Public Officers; Lobbying; Ethics  
Type: Original  
Date: January 8, 2016

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Bill Summary: This proposal specifies that no statewide elected official or member of the General Assembly shall serve as a paid political consultant.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</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 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</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.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</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 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</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 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials at the **Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC)** assume §105.453.1 would prohibit any member of the General Assembly from accepting or receiving compensation of any kind as a paid political consultant (defined in Sec. 105.450(8)) until a specified amount of time after expiration of any term of office for which such member is elected.

This change would require the MEC to do the following:

- Provide information to public officials and the public as specified in the Commission duties in Section 105.491, 105.955.14 (4), RSMo, about the new statutory requirements; examples include providing education, developing informational materials, and fielding telephone and email questions.
- Provide oversight in adherence to the specific prohibition of receiving compensation as a political consultant from the entities outlined in 105.456, including reviewing campaign finance reports as established in Section 105.955.14 (2), (3), RSMo.
- Respond to written complaints, as established in Section 105.955.14, RSMo, through conducting investigations and any legal actions arising from those investigations. Any significant increase in complaints would require additional Commission resources, including investigative staff.

It is assumed this proposal would result in a minimal number of complaints; however, if this assumption is incorrect the Commission would require additional staff resources.

**Oversight** assumes that should MEC see an increase in complaints to justify additional staff resources, they will seek those resources through the appropriation process.

<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.

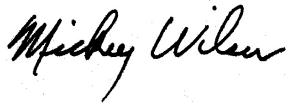
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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

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