COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 4982-01 <u>Type</u>: Original

Subject: Civil and Criminal Procedure; Judges; Juries; Courts

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to expert witnesses.

State Fiscal Highlights

• No direct fiscal impact on the state is anticipated.

Local Fiscal Highlights

• No direct fiscal impact on local political subdivisions is anticipated.

Fiscal Analysis

Officials at the **Office of the Attorney General** assume that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials at the **Office of the State Public Defender** assume the proposed legislation is likely to have no significant impact on the Missouri State Public Defender, though it could possibly lead to increased use of experts and thus increased litigation expenses.

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** and the **Office of Prosecution Services** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal. Also, 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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