

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5624-02  
Bill No.: Perfected HB 1979  
Subject: Lobbying; General Assembly  
Type: Original  
Date: January 13, 2016

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Bill Summary: This proposal imposes a one-year rule for lobbying by former members of the General Assembly, by former statewide elected officials, and by former holders of an office that required senate confirmation.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<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 §105.481 would prohibit a statewide elected official, member of the general assembly or paid employee of general assembly from acting, serving, or registering as a lobbyist for a specified period of time after leaving office.

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 §105.491, 105.955.14 (4), RSMo, about the new statutory requirements; examples include providing education, developing informational materials, telephone and email assistance.
- Provide oversight to ensure those individuals leaving the general assembly do not register as a lobbyist with the MEC for the specified period of time. This would entail reviewing lobbyist registrations, at the time of receipt by the MEC, and comparing them to those members of the general assembly who have left office within the specified period of time. For any individual submitting a registration and are not eligible to register or act as a lobbyist, create the necessary correspondence to the registrant and track the results of the correspondence.
- Respond to written complaints, as established in §105.955.14, RSMo, through conducting investigations and the related legal actions. Any significant increase of complaints would require additional Commission resources, including investigative staff.

It is assumed this prohibition 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 can seek those resources through the appropriation process.

### House Amendment 1, as amended

Officials at the **Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC)** assume no fiscal impact from this amendment to their organization. MEC assumes any significant increase of complaints would require additional Commission resources, including investigative staff.

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

ASSUMPTION (continued)

House Amendment 2, as amended

Officials at the **Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC)** assume no fiscal impact from this amendment to their organization. MEC assumes any significant increase of complaints would require additional Commission resources, including investigative staff.

**Oversight** assumes that should MEC see an increase in complaints to justify additional staff resources, they can 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

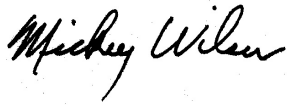
The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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