

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5856-03
Bill No.: SCS for HB 2203
Subject: Campaign Finance; Ethics
Type: Original
Date: February 12, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding the investment of campaign funds.

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 **Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC)** assume §105.453 requires any current or former public official registering as a lobbyist to dissolve their candidate committee and allows funds to be returned to the contributor, donated to nonprofit entity, or transferred to candidate or political party committee.

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, and fielding telephone and email questions.
- Provide oversight in adherence to the dissolution of the committee and disbursement of the funds as outlined in §105.453, including reviewing campaign finance reports as established in §105.955.14 (2), (3), RSMo. Any significant increase in lobbyist registering with active candidate committees would require additional Commission resources, including reporting analyst staff.
- Respond to written complaints, as established in §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.

§130.021.4.(3) and §130.034.7 requires funds of a candidate committee, campaign committee, debt service committee, or exploratory committee shall be invested in instruments allowing withdrawal without penalty in a time period of one year or less.

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, and fielding telephone and email questions.
- Respond to written complaints, as established in §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 prohibition would result in a minimal number of complaints; however, if this assumption is incorrect the Commission would require additional staff resources.

| <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.

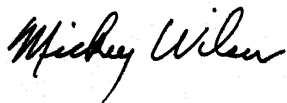
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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

Missouri Ethics Commission



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