

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1725S.01P  
Bill No.: Perfected SB 365  
Subject: Taxation And Revenue - Property; County Officials  
Type: Original  
Date: March 25, 2021

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Bill Summary: This proposal allows county assessors to send personal property tax lists in electronic form.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</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 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</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.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</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 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</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 \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

#### **Section 137.280 Electronic Assessment Form**

Officials from the **State Tax Commission** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for the Tax Commission.

Officials from the **Jefferson County Assessor's Office** assume the amount of annual postage cost saved is estimated at \$19,848 (92,534 assessment lists mailed x 39% electronic request x \$0.55 postage rate). The 39% electronic request rate is based on discussions with assessors who send out postcards per request, and our electronic filing response rate. Also, the savings cost to print, sort, and stuff paper assessment lists for mailing is estimated to be \$4,368 (\$11,200 printing cost x 39% electronic request). Also, the reduction in paper assessment lists being sent also means they would not be mailed back. This would allow for a reduction of one full-time employee (FTE) that is now allocated to opening, sorting, and scanning in paper assessment lists into our system. The salary and benefits for this position was budgeted at \$37,156 for the 2021 budget cycle. In total, this legislation when implemented would constitute an estimated total annual budgetary savings to the Jefferson County Assessment Fund of \$61,372.

Officials from the **Howell County Assessor's Office** state the impact is limited to the cost of programming to capture and maintain the database. The estimated cost is \$2,500-\$5,000.

Officials from the **Lincoln County Assessor's Office** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Per the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Jefferson County was [225,081](#) in 2019. **Oversight** notes the number of assessment lists mailed as a proportion of the population is estimated at 41%. If other counties experienced a similar assessment list to population mailing reduction, the savings is estimated at \$1,383,990 ( $((6,137,428 * .41) = 2,516,346 * .55 \text{ postage}))$  based on the population of Missouri.

And if each county were able to reduce their staff by one position at a similar salary, **Oversight** estimates the savings at \$4,255,000 ( $\$37,000 * 115$ ).

**Oversight** is uncertain if other county assessment offices would experience a savings similar to the one estimated by the Jefferson County Assessor. Oversight will show an unknown savings to county assessment offices.

**Oversight** assumes the cost to implement this proposal would be minimal and could be absorbed with existing resources.

**Oversight** received a limited number of responses from county assessors related to the fiscal impact of this proposal. Oversight has presented this fiscal note on the best current information available. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other county assessors were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2022 (10 Mo.)	FY 2023	FY 2024
<b>COUNTY ASSESSORS</b>			
<u>Savings</u> - from no longer mailing assessment lists and/or a reduction in staff	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COUNTY ASSESSORS</b>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>

#### FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

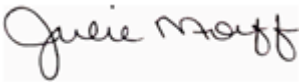
#### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act allows a county assessor, upon request of a taxpayer, to send personal property tax lists and notices in electronic form.

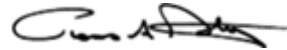
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Tax Commission  
Jefferson County Assessor  
Howell County Assessor  
Lincoln County Assessor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie Morff".

Julie Morff  
Director  
March 25, 2021

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ross Strobe".

Ross Strobe  
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