

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0415S.03P  
 Bill No.: Perfected SS for SB 378  
 Subject: Campaign Finance; Ethics; Lobbying; Corporations  
 Type: Original  
 Date: April 19, 2023

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to ethics.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
General Revenue	More or less than \$65,035	More or less than \$65,035	More or less than \$65,035
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>More or Less than \$65,035</b>	<b>More or Less than \$65,035</b>	<b>More or Less than \$65,035</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<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 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</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 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</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 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC)** assume the the proposed legislation increases the per day late campaign finance report assessment amount from \$10.00 to \$20.00 with the exception of the 8-day before election report which will increase from \$100.00 to \$200.00. MEC provided the average total increase in General Revenue related to the increase in the per day late fee assessment amount for campaign finance reports is \$65,035 (average of the total dollar amount assessed in the last two years).

**Oversight** assumes that late fees assessed by MEC annually could vary in total. Therefore, Oversight will reflect more or less than the impact estimated by MEC in the fiscal note.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Revenue Gain</u> – MEC §105.963 & §130.056.2 (9) Increase amount of late fees for disclosure reports	More or Less than \$65,035	More or Less than \$65,035	More or Less than \$65,035
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>More or Less than \$65,035</b>	<b>More or Less than \$65,035</b>	<b>More or Less than \$65,035</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2024 (10 Mo.)	FY 2025	FY 2026
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

**FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business**

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

**FISCAL DESCRIPTION**

This act modifies multiple provisions relating to ethics.

**LOBBYIST REPORTS (SECTION 105.473)**

Under current law, lobbyists are required to file with the Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC) monthly expenditure reports. This act requires such reports to be made annually.

#### LATE FEES ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE REPORTS (SECTION 105.963)

Under current law, the executive director of the Missouri Ethics Commission is required to charge late fees of \$100 per day for candidate committees and \$10 per day for continuing committees, campaign committees, and political party committees for campaign finance reports required to be filed 8 days prior to an election. This act requires all committees to be charged \$100 per day in late fees for such reports. All other campaign finance reports will be charged a \$20 per day late fee, rather than \$10 per day as required by current law. Such fees shall be increased based on the increase in the cost of living, as provided in the act.

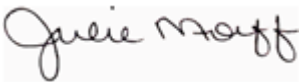
#### LATE FILING FEES (SECTION 130.056)

The act raises the fine for filing any disclosure report late from \$10 to \$20 and provides for an increase based on the increase in the cost of living, as provided in the act.

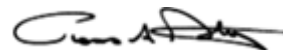
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Missouri Ethics Commission



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