

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1315S.01I  
Bill No.: SB 375  
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary; Elections; Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Secretary of State  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires school districts and charter schools to offer students who are 17 1/2 years old the opportunity to register to vote.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
General Revenue	More than (\$97,524)	More than (\$19,992)	More than (\$20,492)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>More than (\$97,524)</b>	<b>More than (\$19,992)</b>	<b>More than (\$20,492)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</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 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</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 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</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 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

#### **Section 167.1002 – Allowing students the opportunity to register to vote during school**

Officials from **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume section 167.1002 would require districts and charter schools to report to DESE regarding voter registration activities conducted under this section. DESE estimates 40 hours total for time to update documentation, training, and working with IT on ticket updates. The position responsible for the work is an Assistant Director position and at this time can be absorbed into regular duties. If multiple items of legislation are passed requiring additional duties in this area it may lead to additional FTE being required. At that time DESE would seek additional FTE through the appropriations process.

Officials from **Office of Administration – Information Technology (OA-ITSD)** state DESE is a consolidated agency under OA-ITSD. It is assumed that every new IT project/system will be bid out because all ITSD resources are at full capacity.

DESE ODSM and DESE Data Governance will define all data elements needed to be captured, provide those to ITSD, which will be used to establish the database table(s) and fields. DESE ODSM will also collect any historical information in a standard data layout, that aligns with the database/fields they define, compile all data from all districts and charters. DESE ODSM assumes one data field will be required to be added to CORE DATA.

OA-ITSD states the project would take 928.80 hours at a contract rate of \$105 for a total cost of **\$97,524** in FY 2026 with on-going support costs of \$19,992 in FY 2027 and \$20,492 in FY 2028.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect DESE's estimated cost to the agency.

Officials from **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this bill would require school districts to coordinate with their local election authority and offer voter registration opportunities at least twice each school year. As part of this process, the SOS would be required to prepare and distribute information related to voter registration. The cost to prepare, print, and ship such literature is unknown, depending on the scope of material produced.

**Oversight** notes section 167.1002.4 requires the SOS to prepare informational materials regarding voter registration to be distributed at each voter registration activity. Therefore, Oversight will reflect the estimated impact by SOS in the fiscal note.

**Oversight** notes section 167.1002.5 states each school district and charter school shall file a report regarding voter registration activities conducted pursuant to the provisions of this section with the department of elementary and secondary education by December 31 of each year. Oversight assumes that school districts and charter schools can absorb any additional duties required by this proposal with existing resources. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Jackson County Election Board**, **Platte County Board of Elections**, **St. Louis City Board of Elections** and **St. Louis County Board of Elections** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

**Oversight** received zero responses from school districts 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.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Costs – DESE/ITSD – programming</u> (§167.1002) p.3	(\$97,524)	(\$19,992)	(\$20,492)
<u>Costs – SOS – prepare, print, and</u> <u>distribute voter registration literature</u> §167.1002 p. 3	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON</b> <b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>More than</b> <b>(\$97,524)</b>	<b>More than</b> <b>(\$19,992)</b>	<b>More than</b> <b>(\$20,492)</b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

#### FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

### FISCAL DESCRIPTION

At least twice during each school year, this act requires school districts and charter schools to offer students who are at least 17 1/2 years old the opportunity to register to vote. The first opportunity shall occur during school hours on the fourth Tuesday in September. The second opportunity shall occur at a later time and shall be conducted by the local election authority in whose jurisdiction the school district or charter school is located. The school district or charter school shall coordinate with the local election authority to provide the second voter registration activity.

The Secretary of State shall prepare materials regarding voter registration to be distributed at each voter registration activity conducted pursuant to the provisions of the act.

Each school district and charter school shall file a report regarding voter registration activities with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by December 31 of each year.

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

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

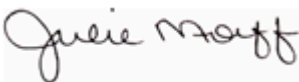
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