

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4160S.02I
 Bill No.: SB 985
 Subject: Corporations; Elections; Secretary of State
 Type: Original
 Date: February 23, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relative to the Secretary of State.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Technology Trust Fund (1266)*	More or less than \$1,592,604	More or less than \$3,185,207	More or less than \$3,185,207
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	More or less than \$1,592,604	More or less than \$3,185,207	More or less than \$3,185,207

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- 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.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§§347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233, 359.653, 400.9-528 & 417.018 - Secretary of State Fees

Officials from the Office of the **Secretary of State (SOS)** state if the Technology Trust Fund is not extended, then revenue lost for FY 2027 would be \$1.5 million and \$3.2 million for subsequent fiscal years.

Oversight notes several provisions of current law allow the Secretary of State (SOS) to collect a \$5 fee for filings related to business organizations, commercial transactions, and trademarks. This proposal extends expiration dates on these provisions to December 31, 2030.

Upon further inquiry in response to similar legislation, HB 2125 (2026), **SOS** provided the following revenue collected and deposited into the Technology Trust Fund (1266).

Technology Trust Fund Collection of Fees

Year	Revenue
2021	\$3,063,507
2022	\$3,180,497
2023	\$3,256,746
2024	\$3,047,367
2025	\$3,377,920
2026 (to date)	\$1,797,123
Total	\$17,723,160

Oversight notes based on the information provided from the SOS, the average collection of revenue from 2021-2025 is \$3,185,207. Oversight assumes with the proposal extending the expiration date on the collection of these fees there will be a revenue gain to the Secretary of State's Technology Trust Fund. For fiscal note purposes, Oversight will reflect that gain as more or less than the average estimated.

Officials from the **Platte County Board of Elections**, the **St. Louis City Board of Elections** and the **St. Louis County Board of Elections** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Oversight notes that the above-mentioned agencies have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

Rule Promulgation

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** assume this proposal is not anticipated to cause a fiscal impact beyond its current appropriation.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND (1266)			
<u>Revenue</u> – SOS (Various Sections) Fee collection with extension of expiration dates p. 15	More or less than <u>\$1,592,604</u>	More or less than <u>\$3,185,207</u>	More or less than <u>\$3,185,207</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND	More or less than <u>\$1,592,604</u>	More or less than <u>\$3,185,207</u>	More or less than <u>\$3,185,207</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND (Various Sections)

Several provisions in current law allow the Secretary of State (SOS) to collect an additional \$5 fee on fees for filings relating to business organizations, commercial transactions, and trademarks, names, and private emblems to be credited to the state's technology trust fund. These provisions are set to expire on December 31, 2026. This act extends the expiration date to December 31, 2030.

PRECINCT CODES (Sections 115.008 and 115.283)

The act requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to establish a unique identification coding system for all precincts in the state resulting in unique identification codes for each precinct in the state. Such system shall be based upon the Federal Information Processing Standards codes issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Election authorities shall be responsible for implementing the unique identification coding system for all precincts within its jurisdiction in compliance with the format set out by the SOS. Additionally, all statements that are attached to an absentee ballot envelope shall contain the precinct code that corresponds to the voter's voting address.

VOTER REGISTRATION LIST PUBLISHED (Section 115.157)

The act requires the SOS to publish a voter registration list on the Secretary's website containing only the following information for each person registered to vote as of the 4th Wednesday prior to the election: unique voter identification numbers, voters' names, year of birth, addresses, townships or wards, and precincts. Such list shall be published not later than the 3rd Wednesday prior to the election.

DELIVERY OF VOTE ABSTRACTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE (Section 115.507)

Current law requires verification boards to deliver to the Secretary of State the abstract of votes given in its jurisdiction by polling place or precinct for each primary and general election. This act requires the abstract to include both regular votes and absentee votes aggregated together and additionally requires reporting to be based solely by precinct.

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

Office of the Secretary of State
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Platte County Board of Elections
St. Louis City Board of Elections
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