

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 2548-01  
BILL NO.: SB 667  
SUBJECT: Requires the Submission of a Sworn Affidavit Before Receiving Marriage License  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: December 23, 1999

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
<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 LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
 This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health, Office of State Courts Administrator and Laclede County Circuit Clerk and Recorders Office** assume that this proposal will not fiscally affect their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of City of St. Louis Recorder of Deeds** stated that the marriage license application as provided by the Department of Health - Bureau of Vital Records includes an oath that the applicants are free to marry under the laws of the state. The application is signed by the applicants. A separate affidavit would create a cost to most Recorders for computer consultants and programming. The City of St. Louis Recorder of Deeds believes that this would result in a duplication of duties. The City of St. Louis Recorder of Deeds did not provide an estimate of costs associated with this proposal.

**Oversight** assumes the additional sworn affidavit could be processed by existing staff within the various Recorder of Deeds offices throughout the state. Therefore, no local government costs will be presented in the fiscal note. The proposal does not modify the filing fee for the marriage license, therefore, no revenue is associated with this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business</u>			

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal requires applicants for marriage to present a sworn affidavit stating that the applicants are single, or if previously married, are now divorced.

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

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health  
Office of State Courts Administrator  
City of St. Louis Recorder of Deeds  
Laclede County Circuit Clerk and Recorder

**NOT RESPONDING: St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds and Jackson County Director of Records**



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