

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 4562-01
BILL NO.: HB 2050
SUBJECT: Health Department; Secretary of State; Vital Statistics
TYPE: Original
DATE: March 29, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	(\$87,374)	(\$104,426)	(\$104,170)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(\$87,374)	(\$104,426)	(\$104,170)

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

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	(\$14,880)	(\$14,917)	(\$14,991)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Office of **Secretary of State (SOS)** officials state four upright microfilm cabinets can hold 1,000 reels of 16 mm. Film (type currently used for filming by DOH) each at a cost of \$1,198 each. SOS states the number of certificates determined through Record Center transmittal sheets as is number of microfilm reels (1,000 certificates would equal one reel of film per current information). SOS states DOH seems to issue between ten percent and fifty percent fewer copies of vital records per year than are filed. SOS states that each request costs \$10. Between 1910 and 1920, 470,000 death certificates and 767,000 birth certificates were filed with the state. SOS states that taking a conservative thirty percent of the average number of 112,454, the number is 33,736. In the ten years between 1921 and 1930 about 396,000 death certificates and 559,000 birth certificates were filed. Again using thirty percent of the average number of 95,500, the number of copies issued is 28,650. SOS assumes costs of \$3,374 in FY2001, \$3,374 in FY2002, and \$2,865 in FY2003.

Officials from the **Department of Health (DOH)** state there would be a loss of revenue for vital statistic certificate fees at \$10.00 per copy. DOH determined that approximately 40 requests per day x 21 days in month x 12 months x \$10 per request would be \$100,800 annually. DOH states that revenue would be lost because the public would not have to purchase copies if allowed to view the microfilm and obtain information. DOH estimates that local public health agencies would lose \$14,880 in revenues because DOH and the local agencies have an agreement that DOH would promote and encourage the public to make certificate requests locally.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Loss - Department of Health</u>			
Certificate fees	(\$84,000)	(\$101,052)	(\$101,305)
<u>Costs - Office of Secretary of State</u>			
Film costs	<u>(\$3,374)</u>	<u>(\$3,374)</u>	<u>(\$2,865)</u>

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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$87,374)</u>	<u>(\$104,426)</u>	<u>(\$104,170)</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
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LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

<u>Loss - Local Public Health Agencies</u>			
Certificate fees	<u>(\$14,880)</u>	<u>(\$14,917)</u>	<u>(\$14,991)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>(\$14,880)</u>	<u>(\$14,917)</u>	<u>(\$14,991)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would require the Department of Health to provide microfilms to the Missouri State Archives of all vital records that are 72 years old or older and the index to the records.

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 Health
Office of Secretary of State
Department of Social Services



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