

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2135-01  
Bill No.: SB 583  
Subject: Ethics Commission: Campaign Finance  
Type: Original  
Date: March 8, 2001

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<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 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<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 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials of the **Office of Administration** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** stated that this proposal would require late filing fees to be deposited to the credit of the County's School Fund in the County that the fees were assessed. Officials stated that they would expect substantial compliance with the law and estimate any impact to local school districts to be minimal.

Officials of the **Missouri Ethics Commission** assumes this proposal would have no fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004

**COUNTY SCHOOL FUND**

<b><u>Income</u></b> to County School Fund from late reporting fees *	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
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**\* Oversight assumes there would be substantial compliance with filing reports, therefore, the amount of fees on a statewide basis would be expected to be less than \$100,000 annually.**

**FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business**

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

## DESCRIPTION

This act makes several changes to the laws governing lobbyists, the Missouri Ethics Commission, and campaign finance disclosure.

This act deletes printing and publication expenses, media and other advertising expenses, and honoraria from the mandatory categories in lobbyists' monthly expense reports. The remaining categories are travel, entertainment, meals, food, beverages and gifts. This act repeals the provision exempting union members who are not acting as union lobbyists from laws governing lobbyist reports, registration, and disclosure.

This act gives the Missouri Ethics Commission, under certain circumstances, the discretion (on the vote of at least 4 members) to settle a complaint case by imposing a fee of not more than \$1,000. Under current law, the commission is required to hold a hearing.

The deadline for filing a statement of committee organization is 30 days prior to the election for which the committee accepts contributions or makes expenditures. Currently the deadline is the date for filing the first report pursuant to the provisions of Section 130.046, RSMo.

Continuing committees must file additional required campaign disclosure reports no later than the eighth (not seventh) day before an election for the period closing on the twelfth day before an election. Fees collected for late campaign disclosure reports must be deposited to the credit of the county school fund pursuant to Section 166.131, RSMo.

This act makes technical changes such as moving certain provisions from one section to different existing or new sections.

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  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
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