

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2350-01
Bill No.: SB 698
Subject: Courts: Marriage and Divorce
Type: Original
Date: December 20, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 |
| General Revenue | (\$30,000) | \$0 | \$0 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds | (\$30,000) | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **State Courts Administrator** stated that there would be a one-time cost of Approximately \$30,000 to develop a pamphlet providing a full explanation of terms and conditions of covenant marriages proposal and to distribute the pamphlet to recorders of deeds.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2003 (10 Mo.) | FY 2004 | FY 2005 |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
| <u>Cost</u> - State Courts Administrator | | | |
| Covenant Marriage Pamphlet | (\$30,000) | \$0 | \$0 |
| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | <u>(\$30,000)</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
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| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2003 (10 Mo.) | FY 2004 | FY 2005 |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</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 authorize covenant marriages in Missouri. The proposal would define “covenant marriage”, specify how a couple would agree to enter into a covenant marriage, and specify how parties to a covenant could separate or divorce.

The State Courts Administrator would develop a pamphlet providing an explanation of terms and conditions of covenant marriages and parties to covenant marriages would indicate their intention on a declaration of intent to a Recorder of Deeds before a Recorder would issue a marriage license.

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Courts Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Jarrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
December 20, 2001