

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4306-01  
Bill No.: HB 1292  
Subject: Health Department; Vital Statistics  
Type: Original  
Date: March 10, 2004

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Missouri Public Health Services Fund	\$42,500	(\$955)	(\$31,916)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$42,500</b>	<b>(\$955)</b>	<b>(\$31,916)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>
<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>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$1,458,333</b>	<b>\$1,750,000</b>	<b>\$1,750,000</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Secretary of State**, the **Department of Economic Development - Division of Professional Registration**, the **Department of Revenue**, and the **Department of Social Services** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** state that this proposal allows electronic creation and access to birth and death records. DOH states this would result in more timely and efficient registration and copy issuance process of birth and death records.

Based on 2003 birth and death certified and research copies, DOH estimates income of approximately \$315,000 per year from an average range of 105,000 records per year multiplied by \$3 fee that would go to the Missouri Public Health Services Fund. This proposal would make 90 year old birth records and 50 year old death records available.

The DOH would need to purchase web-based software for processing birth and death records. DOH estimates this software will cost approximately \$1,100,000 and will be paid for over a period of 5 years.

The system will be modified to conform to the state's e-Government standards. A Computer Information Tech Specialist II would be hired midway through the second year to act as the

ASSUMPTION (continued)

program manager.

**Oversight** has, for fiscal note purposes only, changed the starting salary for the Computer Information Tech Specialist II to correspond to the second step above minimum for comparable positions in the state's merit system pay grid. This decision reflects a study of actual starting salaries for new state employees for a six month period and the policy of the Oversight Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research.

DOH states local public health agencies will have an increase in revenue. Based on an estimate of 583,333 records issued annually, local public health agencies will show an increase in revenue of \$1,458,333 in the first year and approximately \$1,750,000 in subsequent years.

**Officials from St. Louis City Medical Examiner, the Boone County Medical Examiner, Callaway County Medical Examiner, St. Louis City Health Department, Cole County Health Department, Greene County Health Department, and Callaway County Health Department did not respond to our fiscal note request.**

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
---	---------------------	---------	---------

**MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FUND**

Income - Department of Health and Senior Services

Vital record fee	\$262,500	\$315,000	\$315,000
------------------	-----------	-----------	-----------

Costs - Department of Health and Senior Services

Personal Service (1 FTE)	\$0	(\$22,208)	(\$45,527)
Fringe Benefits	\$0	(\$9,194)	(\$18,848)
Expense and Equipment	<u>(\$220,000)</u>	<u>(\$284,553)</u>	<u>(\$282,541)</u>
Total <u>Costs</u> - Department of Health and Senior Services	<u>(\$220,000)</u>	<u>(\$315,955)</u>	<u>(\$346,916)</u>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON MISSOURI PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FUND**

	<u>\$42,500</u>	<u>(\$955)</u>	<u>(\$31,916)</u>
--	-----------------	----------------	-------------------

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<u>Income - Local public health agencies</u>			
Vital Records fees	<u>\$1,458,333</u>	<u>\$1,750,000</u>	<u>\$1,750,000</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$1,458,333</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,750,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,750,000</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This proposal revises provisions pertaining to birth and death records. The proposal:

- (1) Allows certification of a live birth which occurs at or en route to an institution to be by an electronic process approved by the Department of Health and Senior Services. Medical information pertaining to the certification must be provided within seven days following the live birth;
- (2) Makes a technical revision to a provision pertaining to the preparation of a belated birth certificate and a new birth certificate for adopted children under 12 years of age;
- (3) Allows persons in charge of the final disposition of a dead body to obtain a medical certification and allows the certification by an electronic process approved by the department. The State Registrar may approve alternate methods for obtaining medical certifications for persons who died of natural causes;
- (4) Specifies the procedures pertaining to the certification for various types of deaths;
- (5) Authorizes the registrar to prepare reproductions of vital statistics, certificates, and reports;
- (6) Authorizes the department to disclose, upon request, copies of birth records more than 90 years old and death records more than 50 years old;
- (7) Increases from \$10 to \$13 the fees charged for the issuance of a certification or copy of a

DESCRIPTION (continued)

vital record;

(8) Requires the Director of the Department of Revenue to credit \$4 to the General Revenue Fund; \$5 to the Children's Trust Fund; \$3 to the Missouri Public Health Services Fund; and \$1 to the Endowed Care Cemetery Audit Fund from each vital record fee collected, effective August 28, 2004;

(9) Requires that moneys in the Missouri Public Health Services Fund be used to automate and improve the vital records system by December 31, 2008; and

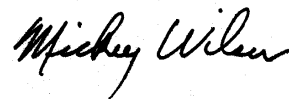
(10) Increases from \$10 to \$13 the fees charged for the issuance of a certification of a birth or death record by a local registrar.

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

Secretary of State  
Department of Economic Development -  
Division of Professional Registration  
Department of Revenue  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Boone County Health Department

**NOT RESPONDING: St. Louis City Medical Examiner, the Boone County Medical Examiner, Callaway County Medical Examiner, St. Louis City Health Department, Cole County Health Department, Greene County Health Department, and Callaway County Health Department**



Mickey Wilson, CPA

L.R. No. 4306-01  
Bill No. HB 1292  
Page 6 of 6  
March 10, 2004

Director  
March 10, 2004