

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

LR No.: 0611-01  
Bill No.: HB 214  
Subject: Political Subdivisions: Elections  
Type: Original  
Date: April 11, 2005

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<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>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</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 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0 or Unknown</b>	<b>\$0 or Unknown</b>	<b>\$0 or Unknown</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State** assume no fiscal impact to their office.

Officials of the **Jasper County Clerk's** office assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **City of Maryland Heights** stated that when Council seats are uncontested this proposal could save the city as much as \$4,000 annually in election costs,.

Officials of the **City of Independence** stated that their city is a Charter City and have election procedures that mostly follow the State laws. Officials assume they already have these provisions and would have no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **City of Fulton** stated this proposal would save their city approximately \$4,000 in election costs for City Council seats. Officials stated that in the years 2002, 2003, and 2004 combined, the city would have had a total of 12 positions open and of these, 8 were unopposed. Costs run about \$1,000 per ward annually, this proposal would have saved the city approximately \$8,000 during the past three years.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials of the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** stated this proposal would have no fiscal impact on the Commission.

**Oversight** for purposes of this fiscal note, assumes that governing bodies would have to adopt the provisions of state law, by ordinance or order before their political subdivision would realize any election cost savings. Oversight does not know how many local governments will adopt these provisions. Oversight will show savings as \$0 or unknown.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008

**POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

**Savings** to Certain Political Subdivisions  
From election costs

\$0 or Unknown \$0 or Unknown \$0 or Unknown

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This bill allows cities, counties, towns, and villages to adopt ordinances that do not require elections in nonpartisan races when the number of candidates filing for positions equals the number of positions to be filled.

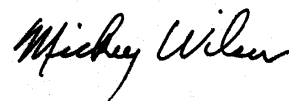
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Secretary of State  
City of Fulton  
City of Independence  
City of Maryland Heights  
Jasper County Clerk  
Kansas City Board of Election Commission

NOT RESPONDING

Boone County Clerk  
Callaway County Clerk  
Andrew County Clerk  
Marion County Clerk  
Jefferson County Clerk  
Franklin County Clerk  
Johnson County Clerk  
Greene County Clerk  
St. Louis City Board of Election Commission



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