

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

LR No.: 1130-01
Bill No.: HB 316
Subject: Elections: Absentee Voting
Type: Original
Date: March 4, 2005

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

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

Officials of the **Jackson County Board of Election Commission** stated that in other States that have Advanced Voting, historically have a thirty percent (30%) to forty percent (40%) turnout prior to election day. Based on our turnout in November 2004, 176,439 we could potentially vote between 52,931 voters based on thirty percent (30%) to 70,576 at forty percent (40%). We voted 11,119 voters Absentee in November 2004 (4,267 or thirty-six percent (36%) voted by mail at \$5.11* per ballot for postage (\$1.06 regular postage, \$2.30 Certified Mail, and \$1.75 Return Receipt).

*The amount of \$5.11 does not include the Business Reply Postage amount.

Thirty percent (30%) early turnout (52,931 x thirty-six percent (36%)) = 19,056 mailouts (19,056 voters x \$5.11 = \$97,376.16)

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Forty percent (40%) early turnout (70,576 x thirty-six percent (36%)) = 25,407 mailouts
(25,407 voters x \$5.11 - \$129,829.77)

Supplies \$5,000.00

Four (4) part-time extra staff at \$7.50 per hour, plus FICA for 240 hours each = \$7,750.00

Total based on thirty percent (30%) turnout = \$115,126.16

Total based on forty percent (40%) turnout = \$142,579.77*

*supplies would be higher based on turnout

These figures are based on the November 2, 2004 Presidential Election. Other election dates of course, would be less.

Officials of the **Laclede County Clerk's Office** assume they would have fiscal impact. Officials assume they would need two additional staff to handle processing and mailing out of absentee ballots and voting those who come in to vote absentee. The postage would increase significantly. Officials assume there would be at least a 30% increase in absentee voters. This would increase postage, supplies, envelopes, and administrative impact. Officials did not submit an estimate of costs.

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

Oversight for purposes of this fiscal note assumes costs on a statewide basis is indeterminable and will be shown as a negative unknown. Oversight assumes unknown costs to election authorities would exceed \$100,000 annually.

<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
LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES CITY/COUNTIES			
<u>Cost</u> to Election Authorities City/Counties from administration of advance voting	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT *	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>

*** Oversight assumes annual costs to election authorities would exceed \$100,000.**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This bill allows absentee voting by registered voters for any reason. Currently, persons in federal service, interstate former residents, and intrastate new residents can vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors by absentee ballot even if they are not registered in their jurisdiction of residence. The bill repeals that authorization.

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

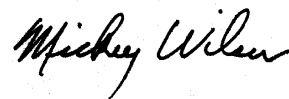
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Secretary of State - Elections Division
Jackson County Board of Election Commission
Laclede County Clerk
Jasper County Clerk

LR No. 1130-01
Bill No. HB 316
Page 5 of 5
March 4, 2005

NOT RESPONDING

Kansas City Board of Election Commission
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Platte County Board of Election Commission
St. Louis City Board of Election Commission
Boone County Clerk
Andrew County Clerk
Cole County Clerk
Jefferson County Clerk
Franklin County Clerk
Greene County Clerk
Marion County Clerk
Clay County Clerk



Mickey Wilson, CPA
Director
March 4, 2005