

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

LR No.: 1355-02  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 525  
Subject: Campaign Finance: Lobbyist  
Type: Original  
Date: March 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>
General Revenue	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</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.  
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

<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</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume no fiscal impact on the Courts.

Officials of the **Missouri Ethics Commission** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact to the Commission, however, officials state this proposal will generate approximately \$10,000 annually. The revenue will be generated from an annual lobbyist registration fee of \$10 per year. Officials stated the fee monies will be deposited in the State General Revenue Fund.

Officials of the **Office of Attorney General** did not respond.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
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**GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

<b><u>Income</u></b> to Mo. Ethics Commission from \$10 annual lobbyist registration fee	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$10,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,000</u></b>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2007	 FY 2008
	 <b><u>\$0</u></b>	 <b><u>\$0</u></b>	 <b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This bill changes the laws regarding ethics and campaign contribution disclosures. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires lobbyists to file verified registration forms with the Missouri Ethics Commission no later than January 5 of each year or five days after beginning lobbyist activities and removes the requirement that lobbyists provide the commission with a summary of legislation they supported or opposed (Section 105.473, RSMo);
- (2) Changes the dates when the financial interest statements must be filed and designates the commission as the filing officer for all other persons required to file a financial statement for which no filing officer is otherwise specified (Section 105.487);
- (3) Gives lobbyists and other individuals the right to appeal a late fee assessment on a disclosure report (Sections 105.492 and 105.963);
- (4) Changes the language regarding the notice that must be given to subjects of complaints and commission investigations from "actual notice" to "notice" and changes the body to which they may appeal commission actions from the Administrative Hearing Commission to the circuit court of Cole County (Section 105.961);
- (5) Removes direct dollar amounts from various sections limiting campaign contributions and instead references the section establishing the base amount and the method of computing the biennial increase (Sections 130.011 and 130.046);
- (6) Allows candidates or committees who file with the local election authorities to not report the name and number of bank accounts (Section 130.021);

DESCRIPTION (continued)

(7) Changes wording from the campaign finance review board to Missouri Ethics Commission (Section 130.036);

(8) Eliminates the requirement of filing campaign finance disclosure reports with an election authority if the reports have been filed electronically with the commission and the candidate has filed a declaration that electronic filing will be used exclusively (Section 130.041);

(9) Reorganizes various sections regarding reporting requirements for out-of-state committees and candidates nominated by political party committees (Sections 130.049 and 130.050);

(10) Changes from \$15,000 to \$5,000 the amount of contributions which triggers the requirement for continuing committees to file electronic reports and extends the requirement to political party committees and campaign committees (Section 130.057);

(11) Moves a section regarding nomination of candidates from Section 130.050 to Section 130.062 (Section 130.062);

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 State Courts Administrator  
Missouri Ethics Commission

NOT RESPONDING

Office of Attorney General



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