

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0272-01
Bill No.: HJR 1
Subject: Constitutional Amendments; General Assembly
Type: Original
Date: January 13, 2009

Bill Summary: Proposes a constitutional amendment reducing, beginning with the 97th General Assembly, the number of state representatives to 137.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Missouri House of Representatives (MHR)** state the fiscal impact (savings) would not be until the 97th General Assembly. Due to the effective date, the fiscal impact (savings) is out of the time frame provided in this fiscal note. However, the estimated savings for members, had the proposal been in effect for the current session is as follows:

Base salary/member as of 01-01-09	\$35,915
Legislative Assistant (LA) salary	\$23,796
Per Diem (\$87.20 X 80 day session)	\$ 6,976
Estimated mileage (\$0.475/mile X 278 avg. miles X 20 week session)	\$ 2,641
Estimated expense allowance (annually/member)	<u>\$ 9,600</u>
Total per member	\$78,928

Total savings of \$78,928/member X 26 members (from 163 to 137 members) = \$2,052,128.

Oversight assumes estimated fringe benefit savings of approximately \$29,037 [(\$35,915 member salary + \$23,796 LA salary) X 48.63% current fringe benefit rate] based on current member and legislative assistant salaries. Total savings per member would be approximately \$95,724 (\$78,928 + \$29,037). The estimated savings resulting from reducing the number of House members to 137 would total at least \$2,488,824. **Oversight** assumes there could be additional savings for House administrative staff, printing costs, and telecommunication and data processing expenses. There could also be costs for capital improvements, i.e. reconfiguring office space in the Capitol.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS) - Elections Division** state any joint resolutions are considered by the General Assembly that would require the SOS's office to pay for publishing in local newspapers the full text of each statewide ballot measure as directed by Article XII, Section 2(b) of the Missouri Constitution and Section 116.230-116.290, RSMo. The SOS's office is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. Funding for this item is adjusted each year depending upon the election cycle with \$1.6 million historically appropriated in even numbered fiscal years and \$100,000 appropriated in odd numbered fiscal years to meet these requirements. The appropriation has historically been an estimated appropriation because the final cost is dependent upon the number of ballot measures approved by the General Assembly and the initiative petitions certified for the ballot. In FY 2009, at the November election, there were 5 statewide Constitutional Amendments or ballot propositions that cost \$1.35 million to publish

ASSUMPTION (continued)

(an average of \$270,000 per issue). Therefore, the SOS's office assumes, for the purposes of this fiscal note, that it should have the full appropriation authority it needs to meet the publishing requirements. However, because these requirements are mandatory, we reserve the right to request funding to meet the cost of our publishing requirements if the Governor and the General Assembly change the amount or eliminate the estimated nature of our appropriation.

If a special election is called for this purpose rather than being voted on at a general election, the cost of the special election has been estimated to be \$1.2 million based on the cost of the past two such elections.

Oversight assumes the proposed constitutional amendment would be put on the next general election ballot in November, 2010. If the amendment is passed, any savings resulting from the reduction in House members would not be realized until FY 2013.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<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.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

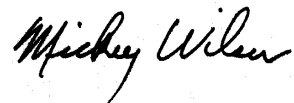
The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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