COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 0658-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: HJR 8

Subject: Constitutional Amendments; Roads and Highways; Transportation Department

Type: Original

Date: January 23, 2009

Bill Summary: This proposes a constitutional amendment replacing the Highways and

Transportation Commission with a Director of Transportation.

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	
State Road Fund	\$0	\$33,000	\$66,000	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$33,000	\$66,000	

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 at the **Missouri Department of Transportation** assume the average yearly expenses for the Commission is \$66,000. This average is based on FY2005-FY2008 expenditures. Due to this legislation going to the vote of the people in November 2009, we assume that the earliest this legislation will be enacted is January, 2010; therefore, there will be 6 months of impact in FY10 while FY11 and FY12 will be for the full amount.

Officials at the **Missouri Senate** and the **Office of the Governor** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) assume many joint resolutions are considered by the General Assembly that would require the SOS 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 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 in the November election there were 5 statewide Constitutional Amendments or ballot propositions that cost \$1.35 million to publish (an average of \$270,000 per issue). Therefore, the SOS 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.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of advertising the statewide ballot measure related to this proposal within their current appropriation level. If multiple bills pass or if multiple ballot initiatives are validated which require similar advertising at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

Oversight assumes this ballot measure would be voted on at the next regularly scheduled general election in November 2010, therefore, there will be 6 months of impact in FY11 while FY12 will be for the full amount

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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE ROAD FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$33,000</u>	<u>\$66,000</u>
<u>Savings</u> - Commission expenses	<u>\$0</u>	\$33,000	\$66,000
STATE ROAD FUND	(10 Mo.)		
FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment replaces the Highways and Transportation Commission with a Director of Transportation appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The present members of the commission will serve until a director is appointed and confirmed.

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 the Secretary of State
Missouri Department of Transportation
Missouri Senate
Office of the Governor

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