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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0775-01
Bill No.: HB 173
Subject: Elections; Secretary of State
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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes the Andrew Jackson Vote Restoration Act which requires certain elections to be held even if the number of candidates filing for a position is equal to the number of positions available.

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	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Little Blue Valley Sewer District, City of Centralia, Office of the Secretary of State, Platte County Board of Election Commission, Kansas City Board of Election Commission** and the **Greene County** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **PWSD#2 of St. Charles County** assume they would be required to pay for an election that might not otherwise be necessary costing the district \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year.

Officials at the **Hillsboro Fire Protection District** and the **Creve Coeur Fire District** assume an unknown cost for the elections.

Officials at the **Nixa Fire Protection District** assume the fiscal impact would be the cost paid for an election that would not be necessary because only one candidate filed for this position. The following expenses were paid by the district when more than one candidate was on the ballot and could be saved if only one candidate had been on the ballot:

1999	\$2,642
2001	\$2,611
2002	\$3,652
2009	\$5,000 (budgeted amount)

Officials at the **DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District** assume costs as follows:

2010	\$8000
2011	\$8,500
2012	\$9,000

Officials at the **Cass County** assume a cost of \$45,000 a year.

Oversight assumes this proposal removes the provision that allows no election to be held when the number of candidates equal the number of seats to be filled. Oversight assumes by removing this provision, in nonpartisan elections or in any political subdivision or special district election the entity would have to hold the election, thereby generating election costs.

Oversight cannot determine the number of elections or their costs this proposal would affect. **Oversight** will show fiscal impact as unknown to certain political subdivisions, or special districts. Oversight assumes no state fiscal impact.

<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
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			
<u>Cost - Certain Political Subdivisions and Special Districts election costs from requirement to hold election</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

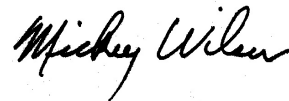
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, nonpartisan elections in political subdivisions and special districts, except for municipalities, may be canceled if the number of candidates filing for a position is equal to the number of positions available. This bill establishes the Andrew Jackson Vote Restoration Act which repeals these provisions and requires elections to always be held.

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

Little Blue Valley Sewer District
City of Centralia
PWSD#2 of St. Charles County
Platte County Board of Election Commissioners
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Greene County
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