

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1251-02
Bill No.: HB 1000
Subject: Elections; Secretary of State
Type: Original
Date: April 27, 2009

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes additional standards for voting machines.

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.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

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 greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume the need for a new touchscreen equipment as current system would not comply with legislation. It is unknown how much the new equipment would cost.

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume if they replace all the touch screen machines as they wear out the impact over time would be 236 machines at \$3,000 per machine for an impact of \$708,000.

Officials at the **St. Louis Board of Election Commission** assume over an eight year period, at \$4,800 per scanner, St. Louis County would have to pay out \$2,400,000 to phase out our current stock of 1,800 touch-screen voting machines and replace them with an additional 500 optical scan ballot readers. We would also have to expend a substantial indeterminate amount for paper ballots at 40 cents each to cover 100 percent of those casting ballots.

Officials at **St. Charles County** assume a cost of \$150,000 per each state and national election.

Officials at **Clinton County** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume this requires electronic voting machines to have a "software-independent record of each voter's choice." This could have a significant impact on the local election authorities. This bill would permit disabled voters to cast their ballot on a DRE without a software-independent record. The bill also requires machine marked paper ballots that can be verified by the voter.

Due to the phased approach of implementation envisioned by this bill, it is difficult to estimate a fiscal impact for any given fiscal year. In the 2008 general election, there 3,605 polling places. One voting machine would be required per polling place.

\$10,571 per InkaVote voting machine x 3,605 polling places=\$38,108,455
\$ 5,705 per Automark voting machine x 3,605 polling places=\$20,566,525

No other Board of Election Commission or local election authority responded to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes the election authorities will need to replace most of the voting systems that

ASSUMPTION (continued)

are currently in operation. The replacement of the machines will occur over the next few years. It is unknown how much it would cost but is assumed to be over \$100,000 for all local election authorities.

<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
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**LOCAL ELECTION
 AUTHORITY FUNDS**

<u>Cost</u> - Local Election Authorities new voting machines	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
 LOCAL ELECTION
 AUTHORITY FUNDS**

(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill specifies that for each voting machine that operates using software, a hand-marked paper ballot must be used to verify the results produced by the software. This will not apply in the case of a disabled voter who needs mechanical assistance to record a vote when a machine-marked paper ballot that is verifiable by the voter will serve as the

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FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

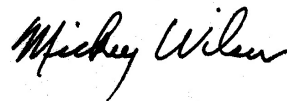
software-independent record.

Election authorities may use voting machines other than paper ballot marking devices that comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 solely for disabled voters. These machines may be replaced with paper ballot marking devices that also comply with the act.

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

Platte County Board of Election Commissions
Clinton County
St. Charles County
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Office of the Secretary of State



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