

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3639-01
Bill No.: HB 1531
Subject: Elections; Cities, Towns and Villages
Type: Original
Date: March 9, 2010

Bill Summary: Removes the requirement to hold an election in nonpartisan elections when there are the same number of candidates as open offices.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
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 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
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 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Local Government	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State, Platte County Board of Election Commission** and the **Monroe County** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **Cass County** assume a savings from not having elections of \$1,000 to Unknown per each election not held.

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume based on historical data with Municipal elections in their jurisdiction, they see no fiscal impact on their operations. However, if candidate participation decreases, there could be a substantial savings in polling place rental, judge expense, legal notices and printing costs.

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume there would be a positive impact that would alleviate costs associated with ballot and election preparation and also the operating costs associated with running the polls. However, due to the variance of the number of elections that would not be held it is unknown what the savings would be.

No other Local Election Authority responded to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact. Oversight assumes that any elections not held would be a savings to the Local Election Authorities. **Oversight** has shown an Unknown savings to Local Election Authorities.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITY FUNDS			
<u>Savings - from elections not held</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITY 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.

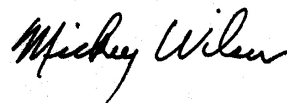
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, in a nonpartisan election in any political subdivision or special district with the exception of municipal elections, candidates are allowed to take office without an election if the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions to be filled and proper notice has been published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the district. This bill removes the exception for municipal elections.

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
Cass County
Monroe County
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
Platte County Board of Election Commission
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission



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