

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3990-01
Bill No.: HB 1403
Subject: Elections, Secretary of State
Type: Original
Date: January 29, 2010

Bill Summary: 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 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.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

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** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume the cost of this proposal could be substantial. The Commission anticipates increased printing costs, judge expenses, polling place rentals and legal notice costs. The total increase in costs is unknown.

Officials at the **Carroll County** assume there are twenty townships in the County ranging in population from 3,000 registered voters to a mere 13. Township boards have four members on them and generally persons have to be literally begged to volunteer. This proposal could cost these entities in township counties approximately \$1,000 each for a collective grand total of \$43,000.

Officials at the **Cass County** assume an impact for having elections they currently don't have. The cost is estimated as \$1,000 to Unknown.

Officials at the **Johnson County** assume if a county-wide district such as the hospital or community health would have to place their board member question on the ballot even if the same number file as there are openings, that would cost them \$15,000. The County has four county-wide districts and two more districts that cover half of the county.

Officials at the **Central County Fire and Rescue** assume they have elections scheduled for 2011 and 2012. The cost savings to the district this year from not having to run an election due to only one candidate filing was \$56,000.

Officials at the **Hillsboro Fire District** assume increased costs associated with having one candidate elections.

Officials at the **Little Blue Valley Sewer District** assume no impact during the fiscal note period as no election is scheduled during this period.

Officials at the **Nixa Fire District** assume they have elections in 2010 and 2011. If elections are required then the estimated cost is \$2,000 to \$4,000 per election held.

Officials at the **Public Water Supply District #2 of St. Charles County** assume a cost of

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\$50,000 to \$60,000 per election.

Officials at the **Valle Ambulance District** assume that since they have elections each year they will have election costs each year under this proposal. The amount of the election costs is unknown.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission, City of Centralia, City of Gladstone, City of Kansas City** and the **City of West Plains** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

No other County or special district responded to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact. **Oversight** assumes that the proposal legislation would increase costs to local political subdivisions due to having to have elections when only one candidate is seeking the open position.

<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
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LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FUNDS

<u>Costs</u> - local political subdivisions			
Election costs	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FUNDS	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

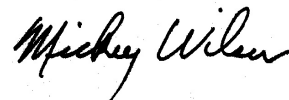
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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

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Kansas City Board of Election Commission
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