

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4197-04
Bill No.: SCS for HB 1983
Subject: Ethics
Type: Original
Date: February 11, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal creates new provisions of law relating to elected officials acting as paid political consultants.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC)** assume §105.453.1 would prohibit any member of the General Assembly from accepting or receiving compensation of any kind as a paid political consultant (defined in §105.450(8)) until a specified amount of time after expiration of any term of office for which such member is elected.

This change would require the MEC to do the following:

- Provide information to public officials and the public as specified in the Commission duties in Section 105.491, 105.955.14 (4), RSMo, about the new statutory requirements; examples include providing education, developing informational materials, and fielding telephone and email questions.
- Provide oversight in adherence to the specific prohibition of receiving compensation as a political consultant from the entities outlined in 105.456, including reviewing campaign finance reports as established in Section 105.955.14 (2), (3), RSMo.
- Respond to written complaints, as established in Section 105.955.14, RSMo, through conducting investigations and any legal actions arising from those investigations. Any significant increase in complaints would require additional Commission resources, including investigative staff.

It is assumed this prohibition would result in a minimal number of complaints; however, if this assumption is incorrect the Commission would require additional staff resources.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

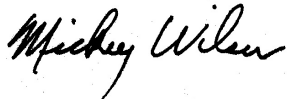
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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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