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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0494-04
Bill No.: HCS for HB 855
Subject: Elections; Political Parties
Type: Original
Date: April 6, 2017

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the law regarding primary elections.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
General Revenue	(\$700,000)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(\$700,000)	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
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 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
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 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Local Government	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this proposal requires state political party organizations to adopt a closed primary system for elections, or else to conduct a separate primary or caucus at their own expense. This will require significant amendments to the Missouri Centralized Voter Registration Database to allow for the electronic data field "Party Affiliation" to be added along with internal processing, data table linking, sorting, searching and reporting modifications. These changes would have an estimated one-time cost of \$700,000 for seven (7) technical resources paid \$100 dollars per hour for 1,000 hours each. Since this proposal would take effect in August 2017 if passed, the expenses will apply to FY 2018.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Kansas City Election Board** assumed the fiscal impact of this proposal would be \$35,000 in staff overtime and election judge training.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Jackson County Election Board** assumed the fiscal impact of this proposal would increase printing costs by up to \$3,000 to make changes to the current poll notification cards which are mailed to all active voters for all elections to notify voters of the closed primary changes.

Officials from **Buchanan County** assume this proposal could have a negative fiscal impact.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners** and **Platte County Board of Elections** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Due to the low number of responses from local election authorities, **Oversight** will assume an "Unknown" cost for this proposal.

Officials at the following boards of election commissioners: St. Louis City Board of Election Commissioners and Clay County Board of Election Commissioners did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Atchison, Boone, Camden, Carroll, Christian, Clay, Cole, Cooper, Daviess, Franklin, Knox, Marion, Miller, Montgomery, New Madrid, Phelps, Platte, and Wayne did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - SOS - one-time programming cost</u>	<u>(\$700,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$700,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2019	 FY 2020
LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES			
<u>Cost - Printing and staff time</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES	<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.

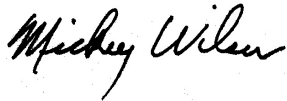
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill modifies provisions relating to a closed primary election system.

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
St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners
Platte County Board of Elections
Kansas City Election Board
Buchanan County
Jackson County Election Board



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