

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0716-01
Bill No.: HB 173
Subject: Elections
Type: Original
Date: January 10, 2017

Bill Summary: This proposal allows any registered voter who is eligible to vote in a particular election to do so by absentee ballot without being required to state a reason.

FISCAL SUMMARY

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

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume with any one being able to vote by absentee ballot it would increase the volume of that type of voting substantially. For a county wide election this would likely increase our cost in the area by \$32,000 per election.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Elections** estimate that this proposal would initially roughly double the number of absentee voters. This would increase election costs by approximately \$1,500 in a low turnout election like an April General Municipal or by as much as \$13,000 for the most recent presidential election, for absentee envelopes and postage.

In addition, more election judges and/or seasonal staff would be needed to handle the increased volume. In lower turnout elections this could be as low as \$200 for two additional election judges for a day. A larger election could be closer to \$3,000.

This gives a range of \$1,700 to \$16,000 per election.

In 2017, only the General Municipal is guaranteed, so 2017 costs may be \$1,700.

In 2018, we will have at least a General Municipal, Primary and General, though with less turnout than a presidential election, so 2018 costs may be \$22,000.

Officials at **Buchanan County** assume this proposal will not have a fiscal impact if they are able to place a label over the section "excuse" on the Absentee envelopes and avoid reprinting.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Oversight assumes the number of additional individuals that qualify under this proposal would be minimal, therefore the local election authorities could cover any costs by using existing resources.

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

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
	<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.

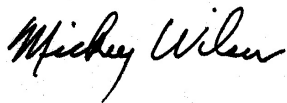
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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

Office of the Secretary of State
Platte County Board of Elections
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
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