

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0911-01
Bill No.: HB 432
Subject: Elections
Type: Original
Date: February 21, 2017

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the law regarding election costs.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
General Revenue	\$0 or Up to \$400,000	\$0 or Up to \$400,000	\$0 or Up to \$7,800,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0 or Up to \$400,000	\$0 or Up to \$400,000	\$0 or Up to \$7,800,000

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 or Up to (\$400,000)	\$0 or Up to (\$400,000)	\$0 or Up to (\$7,800,000)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this proposal subjects all proportional costs of elections that would be paid by the state under Sections 115.063 or 115.065, RSMo, to the legislative appropriations process. Depending on the need for special elections and the level of future appropriations by the General Assembly, the Elections Division anticipates fiscal savings of \$0 to \$400,000 in years without a presidential election (FY 2018 and FY 2019) and \$0 to \$7,776,574 in presidential election years (FY 2020). Savings may exceed these numbers in years where the demand for special elections is higher than usual.

Oversight will round SOS' estimate to \$7.8 million in presidential election years.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Elections** state the cost of a countywide election in Platte County is approximately \$75,000 per special election.

Officials at the **Kansas City Election Board** assume the fiscal impact of this proposal could be substantial on small entities such as school districts, if they are forced to pick up the state's share of election costs. If no appropriations are made, they could be forced to pay thousands more than is normally budgeted.

Officials at Buchanan County assume this proposal will have a fiscal impact; however; it depends on whether the state is given appropriations for election costs.

Oversight assumes there will be a negative fiscal impact to local election authorities if election costs are not appropriated and not reimbursed; therefore, Oversight will reflect a cost to local election authorities equal to the potential state savings estimated by SOS .

Officials at the following boards of election commission: St. Louis City Board of Election Commission, Clay County Board of Election Commission, Jackson County Board of Election Commission and St. Louis County Board of Election Commission 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>Savings</u> - SOS - requiring election costs to be subject to appropriations	\$0 or Up to <u>\$400,000</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>\$400,000</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>\$7,800,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND	\$0 or Up to <u>\$400,000</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>\$400,000</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>\$7,800,000</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES			
<u>Costs</u> - potential of state's portion of election costs not being reimbursed	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$400,000)</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$400,000)</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$7,800,000)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$400,000)</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$400,000)</u>	\$0 or Up to <u>(\$7,800,000)</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 requires the state and political subdivisions to share the costs of elections held among such entities in a proportional manner and applies in the case of general elections and primary elections.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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