

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1007-02
Bill No.: Perfected HCS for HB 353
Subject: Elections; Political Subdivisions
Type: Original
Date: March 7, 2017

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to non-election successions in certain political subdivisions.

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 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

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

Oversight notes section 115.124 would allow cities, towns, or villages with less than 2,000 inhabitants to skip local elections if the number of open seats equals the number of candidates running for those seats. We are unable to determine the number of cities, towns, or villages that would not participate in those elections; therefore, Oversight will show the fiscal impact to the Local Election Authorities (LEA) as a savings of \$0 or an Unknown amount.

Oversight also notes section 115.125 would allow local election authorities to charge other local political subdivisions for administrative costs associated with late changes to ballots. Oversight assumes this additional revenue to one local political subdivision will offset the additional costs to the other local political subdivision.

House Amendment 1

Oversight notes this amendment excludes tax-supported public buildings or buildings owned by any political subdivision from being chosen as a polling place if such building is under a legally binding contract with another party for use on the date of the election.

House Amendment 1 to House Amendment 1

Oversight notes this amendment specifies that the provision in House Amendment 1 applies to only St. Charles County.

Oversight assumes there will be no fiscal impact from these amendments.

<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
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION			
<u>Savings</u> - skip certain elections based on the number of open seats and number of candidates running §115.124	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Revenue</u> - payment received for additional administrative costs for late ballot changes §115.125	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown	\$0 or Unknown
<u>Costs</u> - administrative costs to change ballots can be charged now §115.125	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

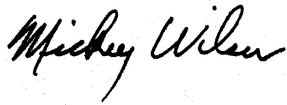
This proposal expands the existing exception for small cities, towns, and villages under Section 115.124, RSMo, which allows candidates for election to assume office without holding an election if a particular election is uncontested and the number of candidates available equal the number of open positions, from cities, towns, or villages with 1,000 or less persons to those with 2,000 or less persons.

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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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State

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