

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1085-04  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 717  
Subject: Elections  
Type: Original  
Date: March 9, 2017

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions of law relating to paper ballots.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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

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

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Could Exceed \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Could Exceed \$100,000)</b>	<b>(Could Exceed \$100,000)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials from the **Platte County Board of Elections** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

In response to a previous version, officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assumed this proposal would require the use of paper ballots in future elections, and would restrict Direct Record Electronic voting machine usage to those with disabilities.

1st Year (2018)

Additional printing of 210,000 ballots at .27 each for 1 election..... \$ 56,700

2nd Year (2019)

Additional printing of 842,000 ballots at .29 each for 3 elections..... \$ 244,180

3rd Year (2020)

Additional printing of 210,000 ballots at .29 each for 1 election..... \$ 60,900

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Kansas City Election Board** assumed this proposal would increase election costs by \$10,000 per election for the printing of extra ballots and temporary labor to process them.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Jackson County Election Board** and **Buchanan County** each assumed the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Officials at the following boards of election commission: St. Louis City Board of Election Commission and Clay 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
	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>

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

<u>Cost</u> - Printing of additional ballots	(Could Exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Could Exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )	(Could Exceed <u>\$100,000</u> )
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES</b>	<b>(Could Exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>	<b>(Could Exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>	<b>(Could Exceed <u>\$100,000</u>)</b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

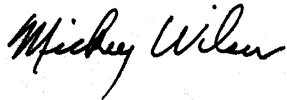
This proposal requires that electronic touch screen voting machines be phased out and replaced by paper ballot marking devices for the disabled. Machines that wear out or break or are subject to replacement for any reason after January 1, 2018, will be replaced by paper ballot marking devices.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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



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