

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 2232-01  
Bill No.: HB 1125  
Subject: Elections  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions for ballot language.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
General Revenue	\$0	(Unknown Less than \$100,000)	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(Unknown Less than \$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<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.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</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 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</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 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS), Missouri Senate, and Missouri House of Representatives** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Kansas City Election Board** assume the proposal will have an immaterial fiscal impact on their organization.

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

Oversight notes that upon inquiring with **Office of the Secretary of State** the SOS stated printing costs are paid for by Local Election Authorities (LEAs), and may vary depending on which ballot vendor they use. So while the state's costs could increase to some degree, the SOS has a cost share in the primary and general elections where ballot measures would appear, the main increase in expenditure would go to the LEAs and the best estimate the SOS could give us was "unknown."

**Oversight** assumes that the proposal will result in larger ballot titles and could result in increased ballot printing and publication costs. Therefore, Oversight will reflect an unknown cost less than \$100,000 to the state and an unknown cost to local election authorities for each general election.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
	(10 Mo.)		
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Cost - SOS - printing costs for longer ballots &amp; additional publishing</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown Less than \$100,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown Less than \$100,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - printing cost for longer ballots	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</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 bill requires ballot titles to be written in plain language and that the ballot contain a specified example of the effect of a "yes" or "no" vote on the ballot measure. Examples are limited to 50 words in the same way as ballot titles and may be litigated in the same manner as a ballot title challenge under Chapter 116, RSMo.

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  
Missouri Senate  
Missouri House of Representatives  
Kansas City Election Board  
Platte County Board of Elections



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