

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0971-01
Bill No.: HB 250
Subject: Elections; Military Affairs
Type: Original
Date: January 23, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal allows military and overseas voters to vote in all elections involving federal office, statewide office, statewide legislative office, or statewide initiatives.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
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| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
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| 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 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
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| 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 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume to meet the requirements of this proposal, programming changes will be made with the centralized voter registration database and military portal to incorporate these new categories of voters with an estimated one time cost of \$15,400.

Oversight assumes SOS has a Technology Fund that receives funds from filing fees. §28.160.4 states the Technology Fund can be used for establishing, procuring, developing, modernizing and maintaining an electronic data processing system and programs capable of maintaining a centralized database of all registered voters in the state. Therefore, Oversight assumes SOS can absorb the one-time computer costs with resources in the Technology Fund.

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission, Lincoln County Clerk's Office** and the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** each assume no fiscal impact from this proposal to their respective organizations.

Officials at the following board of election commissions: 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.

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barry, Bollinger, Boone, Buchanan, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Dent, Franklin, Greene, Holt, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lawrence, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Francois, Taney, Warren, Wayne and Worth did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2016 (10 Mo.) | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2016 (10 Mo.) | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | <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

This bill allows a covered voter eligible to register in Missouri, including an individual who is qualified to vote in the United States but resides overseas and any specified military and government employee, to vote in a federal, state, or ballot measure election using an absentee ballot. This bill uses the existing voting regulations for a member of the "federal service" such as electronic transmission of an absentee ballot, but replaces the federal service classification with the new "covered voter" classification.

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

Lincoln County Clerk's Office
Platte County Board of Election Commission
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Office of the Secretary of State



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