

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6143-02
Bill No.: HCS for HB 2367
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Bill Summary: This proposal extends expiration dates for the Statewide Court Automation Fund and the Basic Civil Legal Services Fund to September 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025 respectively.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
Statewide Court Automation Fund	\$0	\$0	\$4,166,667	\$5,000,000
Basic Civil Legal Services Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,450,000	\$2,900,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$5,616,667	\$7,900,000

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses. This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	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 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume this proposed legislation extends expiration dates for Statewide Court Automation Fund and the Basic Civil Legal Services Fund. Section 476.055 would extend the Statewide Court Automation fund until September 1, 2023. The fund is used for basic ongoing maintenance of the technological needs of the courts statewide and constitutes approximately 45 percent of our total automation expenditures, with the rest coming from general revenue. If the fund would be allowed to sunset in September 2018, the judiciary would anticipate a budget request for general revenue of approximately \$5 million and 34 FTE in fiscal 2019 and each year after that.

Section 476.650 would extend the Basic Civil Legal Services fund to December 31, 2025. The funds are distributed to the four Federal Legal Services Corporations in the State of Missouri to provide legal services in non-criminal matters to eligible low income persons. Over the last three years the fee has raised approximately \$2.9 million per year. If the fund would be allowed to sunset in December 2018, the judiciary would anticipate a budget request for general revenue of approximately \$2.9 million in fiscal 2019 and each year after that.

Officials at the **Office of the State Treasurer**, the **Office of the State Public Defender** and the **Office of Prosecution Services** each assume no fiscal impact to their respective agencies from this proposal.

Oversight notes this proposal extends the expiration dates on the Statewide Court Automation Fund and the Basic Civil Legal Services Fund to September 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025 respectively. Oversight will reflect the following revenue to be continued to be received into these two funds as a result of this bill as follows:

	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020 (full year)</u>
Statewide Court Automation Fund - expires September 1, 2018 (for 10 months in FY 2019)	\$4,166,667	\$5,000,000
Basic Civil Legal Services Fund - expires December 1, 2018 (for 6 months in FY 2019)	\$1,450,000	\$2,900,000

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
STATEWIDE COURT AUTOMATION FUND				
<u>Income - receipts received</u> (FY '19 is for 10 months)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,166,667</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATEWIDE COURT AUTOMATION FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,166,667</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
BASIC CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND				
<u>Income - receipts received</u> (FY '19 is for 6 months)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,450,000</u>	<u>\$2,900,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON BASIC CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,450,000</u>	<u>\$2,900,000</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2017 (10 Mo.)	FY 2018	FY 2019	Fully Implemented (FY 2020)
	<u>\$0</u>	<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

The Statewide Court Automation Fund fee is set to expire on September 1, 2018; this bill extends the expiration date to September 1, 2023. The Court Automation Committee is currently required to complete its duties prior to September 1, 2020, this bill extends that date to September 1, 2025.

The Basic Civil Legal Services Fund is currently set to expire on December 31, 2018. This bill extends the expiration date to December 31, 2025.

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 State Courts Administrator
Office of the State Treasurer
Office of the State Public Defender
Office of Prosecution Services



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