

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1598-01
Bill No.: HB 537
Subject: Crimes and Punishment; Elections
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
General Revenue	(\$830,985)	(\$224,153)	(\$229,773)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$830,985)	(\$224,153)	(\$229,773)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other 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 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration, Office of Secretary of State, Kansas City Board of Elections,** and the **Cass County Clerk** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on the courts.

Officials of the **Office of the Governor** assume if they would have to review the status of all ex-offenders and determine whether steps need to be taken to allow them to vote would have fiscal impact. Officials stated there are approximately 17,000 offenders released from custody each year.

Officials estimate that in FY 2004 they would need a total of 13 FTE, (legal counsels) to review the existing backlog of cases and the 17,000 offenders released annually. Officials estimate costs for 13 FTE for 10 months of FY 2004 at \$555,208. In FY 2005 only 3 legal counsel would be needed at a total cost of \$157,594; and \$161,534 in FY 2006. Fringe benefit costs would be \$224,693 in FY 2004; \$63,778 in FY 2005, and \$65,373 in FY 2006. Equipment and Expense

costs are estimated at \$51,084 in FY 2004; \$2,781 in FY 2005; and \$2,866 in FY 2006.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **St. Louis County Board of Elections, St. Louis City Board of Elections, Boone County Clerk, and the Marion County Clerk** did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Costs – Office of the Governor</u>			
Personal Service (13, 3, 3 FTE)	(\$555,208)	(\$157,594)	(\$161,534)
Fringe Benefits	(\$224,693)	(\$63,778)	(\$65,373)
Equipment	(\$40,250)	\$0	\$0
Expense	(\$10,834)	(\$2,781)	(\$2,866)
<u>Total costs – Office of the Governor</u>	<u>(\$830,985)</u>	<u>(\$224,153)</u>	<u>(\$229,773)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$830,985)</u>	<u>(\$224,153)</u>	<u>(\$229,773)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<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.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would provide that a person convicted of a felony shall not vote until such time as the Governor grants a pardon, commutation of sentence or a reprieve to such person. Currently, a person convicted of a felony is prohibited from voting until the person finishes the

sentence or, if on probation or parole, until the person is finally discharged from probation or parole.

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 Administration
Office of State Courts Administrator
Office of the Governor
Office of Secretary of State
Kansas City Board of Elections
Cass County Clerk

NOT RESPONDING

St. Louis County Board of Elections
St. Louis City Board of Elections
Boone County Clerk
Marion County Clerk



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