

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

LR No.: 4643-01
Bill No.: HB 1549
Subject: Secretary of State: Elections
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue	(\$8,035,820)	More than (\$100,000)	More than (\$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$8,035,820)	More than (\$100,000)	More than (\$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 7 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Local Government	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State- Elections**, stated that each precinct would need a method to report registration of voters in real time to the central election office. This could be achieved by providing a laptop at each precinct (*state contract price- \$1,612 x 4,985 = \$8,035,820*). Election authorities would need an internet provider linking them to the central office. That cost is indeterminable at this time. Purchase of laptops would be a one-time purchase with upgrades needed on a regular basis. Fiscal years 2006 and 2007 would begin to include some replacement costs. Officials estimate costs of replacement at \$100,000 and with internet connections, which costs are unknown, the costs will be more than \$100,000.

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State- Administrative Rules**, assume that to promulgate rules to implement this proposal would have publication costs. Rules would be published in the Missouri Register and the Code of State Regulations. Officials stated that based on experience with other divisions, the rules and regulations could require as many as 12 pages in the Code of State Regulations. Roughly half again as many pages are published in the Missouri Register as in the Code. The estimated cost of a page in the Missouri Register is \$23. The estimated cost of a page in the Code is \$27. The actual cost could be more or less than the numbers given. The impact of the legislation in future years is Unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn. Officials estimate costs in FY 2005 at \$615.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

Officials of the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** estimate the following fiscal impact from this proposal:

2005

\$3,600.00/year - Additional Ballots (Currently required to order 105%/election/per style.

Avg. no. of styles is 50/election order an additional 5% = \$600/election x 6 elections per year = \$3,600.00

\$16,800/year - 1 registrar in each polling site plus 2 in our office per election day
@\$100/election x 6 elections. (28 x \$100 x 6)

\$1,285.20/year-FICA on registrar salaries

\$200.00/year - Work Comp Insurance premium on registrars

\$1,200.00 - initial training of new registrars - ONE TIME

\$26,000.00 - laptop computer for each polling place with mapping info. (one time expense.)

\$30,000/year - phone lines for laptop connectivity to office server (\$5,000 for phone line installation at 26 sites x 6 elections)

\$1,000.00/year - DSL connection to office server for each poll site

\$3,000.00 - mapping software for laptops at each polling site. ONE TIME

\$27,000.00 - lock box for 26 poll sites plus office ONE TIME

\$2,400.00/year - mileage for registrars to pick up supplies and return supplies before each election

\$1,000.00 - new signage required by bill notifying voters that they can register on election day ONE TIME

\$200.00/year - supplies for each polling site, pens, paper clips, folders

\$113,685.20 - TOTAL for 2005

ASSUMPTION (continued)

2006

\$3,600.00/year - Additional Ballots (Currently required to order 105%/election/per style.

Avg. no. of styles is 50/election order an additional 5% = \$600/election x 6 elections per year = \$3,600.00

\$16,800/year - 1 registrar in each polling site plus 2 in our office per election day

@\$100/election x 6 elections. (28 x \$100 x 6)

\$1,285.20/year-FICA on registrar salaries

\$200.00/year - Work Comp Insurance premium on registrars

\$500.00 - training of new registrars -

\$30,000/year - phone lines for laptop connectivity to office server (\$5,000 for phone line installation at 26 sites x 6 elections)

\$1,000.00/year - DSL connection to office server for each poll site

\$2,400.00/year - mileage for registrars to pick up supplies and return supplies before each election

\$200.00/year - supplies for each polling site, pens, paper clips, folders

\$3,000/year - maintenance on laptops after first year

\$1,200/year - software maintenance on mapping program after first year

\$60,185.20 - TOTAL for 2006

2007

\$3,600.00/year - Additional Ballots (Currently required to order 105%/election/per style.

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

\$60,185.20 TOTAL for 2007

Officials of the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** stated this proposal would require their board to add two additional election judges at each polling place in order to handle voter registration. In order to staff 475 polling places in a countywide election would increase election costs as follows: 475 polling places x two judges @ \$85 per day = **\$80,750**. Added to this cost is the cost of training for 950 judges @ \$25 each = **\$23,750**. Officials estimate there would be a one-time cost for additional boxes at a cost of \$32 @ or **\$15,318**. Total costs in FY 2005 would be approximately **\$119,818**, and approximately **\$261,250** per election thereafter.

Officials of the **Jackson County Board of Election Commission** stated they would need 1 additional person at each polling place. 300 deputy registrars @ \$130 each: \$39,000; and 1 additional ballot box for each poll. 300 x \$75 each \$ 22,500; and Envelopes to hold registration card and ballot. \$ 500 annually.
Officials estimate total election costs at \$62,000

Officials of the **Jefferson County Clerk's Office** stated they would have fiscal impact from the need for additional training, and hiring additional election judges to handle the onsite registrations. There would also be administrative impact for the County Clerk in having to handle last minute registrations. Officials did not estimate costs of this proposal.

In response to identical legislation of last session, (fiscal note # 354-01), the following entities submitted fiscal impact statements found below.

Officials of the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** stated that the Commission currently uses approximately 200 polling places in state elections. 2 registrars per poll, at \$85 per day would amount to **\$17,000**. Added to this cost would be training for 400 registrars at \$25 each or an additional **\$10,000**. Therefore, this proposal would increase election cost to the Kansas City Election Board of approximately **\$27,000** per election.

Officials of the **Franklin County Clerk's Office** assume they would need 2 additional poll workers at each polling place to conduct voter registration. Officials estimate additional election cost in FY 2004 at **\$46,000**; **\$26,000** in FY 2005; and **\$36,000** in FY 2006.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials of the **Taney County Clerk's Office** estimate they would need the following:

23 extra ballot boxes at \$50 @ = \$1,150
 46 extra judges for registration= \$4,830
 Overtime costs = \$ 50
Total Costs per election \$6,030

Officials of the **Cass County Clerk's Office** assume no fiscal impact.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government FY 2005 FY 2006 FY 2007

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

<u>Cost</u> to Secretary of State elections cost statewide	<u>(\$8,035,820)</u>	<u>More than</u> <u>(\$100,000)</u>	<u>More than</u> <u>(\$100,000)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government FY 2005 FY 2006 FY 2007

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

<u>Cost</u> to Election Authorities election cost of registration *	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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*** Cost of providing additional registrars and supplies on a statewide basis is unknown.
 Oversight assumes costs would exceed \$100,000 annually.**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This bill allows persons to register to vote on election day at the proper polling place if they present approved valid personal identification and complete the required voter registration application.

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
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Platte County Board of Election Commission
Jackson County Board of Election Commission
Jefferson County Clerk
Taney County Clerk
Franklin County Clerk
Cass County Clerk

NOT RESPONDING

St. Louis City Board of Election Commission
Clay County Board of Election Commission
Callaway County Clerk
Greene County Clerk
Boone County Clerk
Marion County Clerk



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