

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

LR No.: 1355-02
Bill No.: Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed HCS for HB 525
Subject: Campaign Finance: Lobbyist
Type: Original
Date: May 18, 2005

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
General Revenue	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
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 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume no fiscal impact on the Courts.

Officials of the **Missouri Ethics Commission** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact to the Commission, however, officials state this proposal will generate approximately \$10,000 annually. The revenue will be generated from an annual lobbyist registration fee of \$10 per year. Officials stated the fee monies will be deposited in the State General Revenue Fund.

Officials of the **Office of Attorney General** did not respond.

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State - Elections Division** assume no fiscal impact to their division.

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State - Administrative Rules Division** assume no fiscal impact to their division.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Income</u> to Mo. Ethics Commission from \$10 annual lobbyist registration fee	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<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

This bill changes the laws regarding ethics and campaign contribution disclosures. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires lobbyists to file verified registration forms with the Missouri Ethics Commission no later than January 5 of each year or five days after beginning lobbyist activities and removes the requirement that lobbyists provide the commission with a summary of legislation they supported or opposed (Section 105.473, RSMo);
- (2) Changes the dates when the financial interest statements must be filed and designates the commission as the filing officer for all other persons required to file a financial statement for which no filing officer is otherwise specified (Section 105.487);
- (3) Gives lobbyists and other individuals the right to appeal a late fee assessment on a disclosure report (Sections 105.492 and 105.963);
- (4) Changes the language regarding the notice that must be given to subjects of complaints and commission investigations from "actual notice" to "notice" and changes the body to which they may appeal commission actions from the Administrative Hearing Commission to the Circuit Court of Cole County (Section 105.961);

DESCRIPTION (continued)

- (5) If presidential electors are to be nominated, at least one qualified resident of each congressional district shall be named as a nominee for presidential elector. The number of candidates to be nominated shall equal the number of electors to which the state is entitled. (Section 115.315)
- (6) The election authority or secretary of state shall make available electronic media or printouts which include the date of voter registration.
- (7) Removes direct dollar amounts from various sections limiting campaign contributions and instead references the section establishing the base amount and the method of computing the biennial increase (Sections 130.011 and 130.046);
- (8) Allows candidates or committees who file with the local election authorities to not report the name and number of bank accounts (Section 130.021);
- (9) Changes wording from the campaign finance review board to Missouri Ethics Commission (Section 130.036);
- (10) Eliminates the requirement of filing campaign finance disclosure reports with an election authority if the reports have been filed electronically with the commission and the candidate has filed a declaration that electronic filing will be used exclusively (Section 130.041);
- (11) Reorganizes various sections regarding reporting requirements for out-of-state committees and candidates nominated by political party committees (Sections 130.049 and 130.050);
- (12) Changes from \$15,000 to \$5,000 the amount of contributions which triggers the requirement for continuing committees to file electronic reports and extends the requirement to political party committees and campaign committees (Section 130.057);
- (13) Moves a section regarding nomination of candidates from Section 130.050 to Section 130.062 (Section 130.062);
- (14) The Missouri ethics commission shall study the effectiveness of current campaign contribution limits, independent expenditures and the current system of regulating campaign committees, political party committees and other continuing committees and shall report its findings to the general assembly no later than January 1, 2006.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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