

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

LR No.: 1630-09  
Bill No.: Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed SS for SCS for HB 617  
Subject: Watershed Improvement Districts  
Type: Original  
Date: May 23, 2005

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>       |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                                      | <b>FY 2006</b> | <b>FY 2007</b> | <b>FY 2008</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>              |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2006</b> | <b>FY 2007</b> | <b>FY 2008</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b> |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                       | <b>FY 2006</b> | <b>FY 2007</b> | <b>FY 2008</b> |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials of the **Office of Attorney General** assume any cost arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials of the **Department of Natural Resources** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Department of Health and Senior Services** assume no fiscal impact.

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| <b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u></b> | <b>FY 2006</b>  | <b>FY 2007</b> | <b>FY 2008</b> |
|  | <b>(10 Mo.)</b> |                |                |

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|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | <b><u>\$0</u></b> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> |
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| <b><u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u></b> | <b>FY 2006</b>  | <b>FY 2007</b> | <b>FY 2008</b> |
|  | <b>(10 Mo.)</b> |                |                |

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|  | <b><u>\$0</u></b> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> |
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

Currently, the counties of Douglas, Ozark, Webster, and Wright are members of the Upper White River Basin Watershed Improvement District. This bill excludes those counties from the watershed improvement district and allows those counties to be included within a watershed district upon the filing of a petition signed by at least 20% of the qualified voters of the county requesting inclusion or an order by the county commission and upon countywide voter approval at the next general election. The bill also eliminates provisions allowing for the licensing of septic system maintenance providers within a watershed district, eliminates the requirement that persons installing on-site sewage disposal systems be registered by the Department of Health and Senior Services, and requires the department to investigate only sewage complaints received from an aggrieved party or adjacent landowner and not those received from any two residents of the county. The governing body of any county included in the Upper White River Basin Watershed Improvement District is allowed to designate groundwater depletion areas within its county and may require well-volume monitoring of the areas.

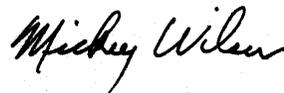
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Attorney General  
Department of Natural Resources  
Department of Health and Senior Services

NOT RESPONDING

Ozark County Commission  
Douglas County Commission  
Wright County Commission  
Webster County Commission



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