

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0873-01
Bill No.: SJR 9
Subject: Constitutional Amendments; Courts; Governor and Lieutenant Governor; Judges
Type: Original
Date: March 6, 2009

Bill Summary: The proposed constitutional amendment increases the number of Governor-appointed citizens serving on the Appellate Judicial Commission and the Circuit Judicial Commission. The proposal also increases the number of candidates nominated for vacancies.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
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 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Governor, Office of Administration – Administrative Hearing Commission, Office of the State Auditor,** and the **Missouri Senate** assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator (CTS)** assume the proposed constitutional amendment would change the composition of the Appellate Judicial Commission and would remove a member of the Supreme Court from the Commission. On average, the Commission meets three to five times a year. For each meeting, there are administrative duties, such as receiving and processing applications, coordinating schedules of the commissioners, and locating a suitable location for the Commission to meet. Currently, the Chief Justice's Office has absorbed the staffing time required to coordinate the Commission's proceedings. The amendment does not specify an entity responsible for managing the Appellate Judicial Commission meetings. As there is no FTE associated with the Appellate Judicial Commission appropriation, the responsible agency will incur additional staffing time and related costs which are not accounted for in the present iteration of the amendment.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) – Administrative Rules Division** assume many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this proposal for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes this is a small amount and does not expect additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the SOS can sustain with their core budget. Any additional required funding would be handled through the budget process.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

In response to a similar proposal from the current session (HJR 10, LR # 0771-01), officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) – Publications Division** assumed many joint resolutions are considered by the General Assembly that would require the SOS to pay for publishing in local newspapers the full text of each statewide ballot measure as directed by Article XII, Section 2(b) of the Missouri Constitution and Section 116.230-116.290, RSMo. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year’s legislative session. Funding for this item is adjusted each year depending upon the election cycle with \$1.6 million historically appropriated in even numbered fiscal years and \$100,000 appropriated in odd numbered fiscal years to meet these requirements. The appropriation has historically been an estimated appropriation because the final cost is dependent upon the number of ballot measures approved by the General Assembly and the initiative petitions certified for the ballot. In FY 2009, at the November election, there were 5 statewide Constitutional Amendments or ballot propositions that cost \$1.35 million to publish (an average of \$270,000 per issue). Therefore, the SOS assumes, for the purposes of this fiscal note, that it should have the full appropriation authority it needs to meet the publishing requirements. However, because these requirements are mandatory, SOS will request funding to meet the cost of our publishing requirements if the Governor and the General Assembly change the amount or eliminate the estimated nature of the appropriation. If a special election is called for this purpose rather than being voted on at a general election, the cost of the special election has been estimated to be \$1.2 million based on the cost of the past two such elections.

Oversight assumes the proposed constitutional amendment would be voted for at the next general election. Therefore, Oversight assumes the Office of the Secretary of State should have the full appropriation authority it needs to meet the publishing requirements. Oversight has reflected no fiscal impact for the Office of the Secretary of State.

Oversight assumes if the legislation passes, the proposal would be submitted to the voters of the state for adoption or rejection. If the voters adopt the proposal, Office of State Courts Administrator would incur increased costs for the mileage and meals of the commission members.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
	<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.

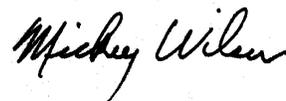
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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 Attorney General
Office of the Governor
Office of Administration
 – Administrative Hearing Commission
Office of State Courts Administrator
Office of the State Auditor
Missouri Senate
Office of the Secretary of State



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