

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4018-04  
Bill No.: Perfected SCS for SB 855  
Subject: Vital Statistics  
Type: Original  
Date: March 16, 2010

Bill Summary: This proposal allows the State Registrar to issue heritage birth and marriage certificates celebrating the unique heritage of Missouri citizens.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
General Revenue	\$35,298	\$46,219	\$46,106
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$35,298</b>	<b>\$46,219</b>	<b>\$46,106</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<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.  
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</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 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ASSUMPTION

#### ***Section 193.059:***

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator, Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, Department of Revenue, Missouri State Governor** and the **Missouri State Treasurer** each assume the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** assume there is no fiscal impact to the Department. Heritage Birth and Marriage Certificates could be accepted by DSS as proof of relationship for various programs; however, no significant change in procedures for verifying this information is anticipated.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state 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 fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

**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 from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)** states the following: Section 193.059.1: This section allows the State Registrar to develop a Heritage Birth and Heritage Marriage Certificate. DHSS public information staff will assist in creating the design of the certificate.

It is estimated that 1,000 blank certificates (1,000 X \$0.76 = \$760) and 1,000 gold foil seals (1,000 X \$0.52 = \$520) will be printed by the State Print Shop at a total cost of \$1,280.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Completed certificates will be mailed first class, flat rate with "padding" to ensure the certificate is not bent or damaged. The cost of envelopes with liners is one dollar each (1,000 X \$1= \$1,000) and the mailing cost is estimated at \$1.39 per envelope (1,000 X \$1.39 = \$1,390). DHSS will need additional appropriation authority from General Revenue to pay these costs.

Section 193.059.4: The Office of Administration, Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) services will be needed to make programming changes to the Vital Records system in order to allow the new the new certificates to be printed. ITSD will use a contractor to perform the programming changes and estimates a total of 48 work hours will be needed at a cost of \$69/hour, or \$3,312. This is a one-time cost that will need to be paid from General Revenue.

Officials from the **St. Louis Recorder of Deeds** have not responded to Oversight's request for fiscal information.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Income</u> - Department of Health and Senior Services			
Heritage Birth & Marriage Certificate Fees	\$41,667	\$50,000	\$50,000
<u>Costs</u> - Department of Health and Senior Services			
ITSD, Postage and Printing	(\$6,369)	(\$3,781)	(\$3,894)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$35,298</u></b>	<b><u>\$46,219</u></b>	<b><u>\$46,106</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

**Section 193.059:**

This legislation allows the State Registrar, within the Department of Health Senior Services, to create and sell Heritage Birth or Marriage Certificates for a fifty dollar fee. The heritage certificates shall represent the birth or marriage of the individual named on the original record or certificate and shall be accepted as an original record. The heritage certificate shall be suitable for display and shall celebrate the unique heritage of Missouri citizens.

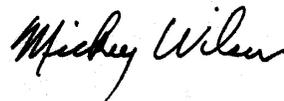
The heritage certificates shall be issued in a form consistent with the need to protect the integrity of vital records and include security measures consistent with federal law. The certificates shall only be issued to individuals born or married in Missouri.

The fees from the sale of the heritage certificates shall be deposited in the general revenue fund.

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

Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
Department of Health and Senior Services  
Department of Social Services  
Missouri State Treasurer  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Department of Revenue  
Missouri State Governor  
**Not Responding: St. Louis Recorder of Deeds**



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