

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0347-01
Bill No.: HB 180
Subject: Elections; Telecommunications; County Officials
Type: Original
Date: February 18, 2011

Bill Summary: This proposal allows election authorities to request voter email addresses to be provided at the option of the voter.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
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 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Local Government	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Buchanan County, Kansas City Board of Election Commission** and the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume if enacted this bill would allow local election authorities to email election information and notices to voters.
Costs: An estimated 160 hours of programming, testing and training time: \$6,000.00
Savings: For every 1,000 emails on file the Board of Election Commission would save:
Election Notification/Polling Place Card @ \$0.20 each: \$200.00

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.

Oversight assumes this proposal states that the local election authority can choose to collect the email information but must still communicate with their voters via current procedure, which is by mail. Oversight assumes that due to the cost of collecting the email information without the possibility of a reduction in mailing expenses that local election authorities will not choose to collect the email information unless they are willing to cover the costs. This proposal would not result in any savings but could result in a potential cost to the local election authorities.

Oversight assumes that if any election authority would proceed with the collection of the emails then the programming costs would occur only in one fiscal year. Oversight has shown a zero (no election authority collecting the information) to unknown impact in each fiscal year.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Barry, Bates, Boone, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Franklin, Greene, Hickory, Holt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Francois, Taney, Texas, Warren, and Webster did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the following board of election commissions: St. Louis City Board of Election Commission, Clay County Board of Election Commission and the Jackson County Board of Election Commission did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
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LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES FUNDS

<u>Cost - local election authorities</u>			
Collecting email addresses	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES FUNDS	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

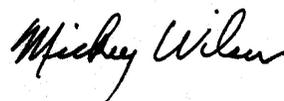
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact. This bill authorizes an election authority to establish by rules and regulations a procedure allowing registered voters within its jurisdiction to provide an email address to receive information in conjunction with the conduct of elections. Providing information electronically does not relieve an election authority of any other statutory responsibility to provide notice or other election communications to voters as required by law. An election authority may provide an applicant for voter registration with the option of providing an email address with the voter registration form.

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

Buchanan County
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
Office of the Secretary of State
Platte County Board of Election Commission
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission



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