

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1360-01
Bill No.: HB 521
Subject: Ambulances and Ambulance Districts; Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils
Type: Original
Date: March 7, 2011

Bill Summary: This proposal provides for recalls of ambulance district board members.

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 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State** and **Buchanan County** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials from the **Platte County Board of Elections** state the costs related to a recall election would be borne by the Ambulance District in question and not directly by the Board of Elections/County Clerk conducting the election or verifying the petitions.

Officials from the **St. Charles County Ambulance District** state the District could incur election expenses on any given year from \$30,000 to \$60,000 dependent on the number of issues on the ballot at the time.

Oversight assumes this proposal could have fiscal impact to ambulance districts if one would have a board member recalled and an election were held to replace the member recalled. The amount of costs would be unknown and would depend upon the size of the district, how many other political subdivisions are holding an election at the same time and other variables.

Oversight will show fiscal impact to ambulance districts as \$0 to unknown costs for an election.

<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
AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUNDS			
<u>Cost - cost of recall election</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> (Unknown)	<u>\$0 to</u> (Unknown)	<u>\$0 to</u> (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON AMBULANCE DISTRICT FUNDS	<u><u>\$0 to</u></u> (Unknown)	<u><u>\$0 to</u></u> (Unknown)	<u><u>\$0 to</u></u> (Unknown)

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes a procedure by which an ambulance district board member may be recalled from office by the registered voters of the member's election district. No board member can be recalled during the first or last 180 days of the member's current term or if a previous recall election was in the member's favor during the current term.

A notice of intention to circulate a recall petition, including a short statement of the reasons for the proposed recall, must be served on the particular board member personally or by certified mail; and a copy of the notice must be filed with the election authority. If the member chooses to file a short answer with the election authority, the member has seven days after the filing of the notice to do so and must serve a copy of the answer to the petitioner personally or by certified mail.

The person circulating the recall petition must sign an affidavit attesting to the information in the petition, and the petition must be filed with the election authority within 180 days after the filing of the notice of intention. The number of qualified signatures needed to recall a board member must be equal to at least 25% of the number of voters who voted in the most recent gubernatorial election in the election district.

The election authority has 20 days to determine if the petition has the required number of qualified signatures. If the petition is certified to be insufficient, it may be supplemented by filing additional qualified signatures within 10 days of the certification. If the election authority finds the signatures on the petition and any supplements as sufficient, it must submit its certificate to the ambulance district board of directors prior to the board's next meeting. The election authority must order a recall election on a statutory election day, not less than 45 days but not more than 120 days from the date the ambulance board receives the certified petition.

If the ambulance district board member being recalled resigns at any time prior to 42 days before the election, the recall question must be removed from the ballot and the vacant seat will be filled as specified by law. The resigning member cannot fill the vacancy.

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

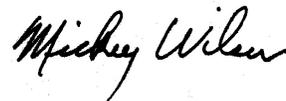
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Secretary of State
Platte County Board of Elections
Buchanan County
St. Charles County Ambulance District

NOT RESPONDING

Jackson County Board of Elections
St. Louis City Board of Elections
Taney County Ambulance District
Valle Ambulance District

Counties of: Andrew, Barry, Bates, Boone, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Franklin, Greene, Hickory, Holt, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Pulaski, Scott, St. Louis, St. Francois, Taney, Texas, Warren, Webster



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