

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 6028-01  
Bill No.: HB 1917  
Subject: General Assembly; Elections; Secretary of State  
Type: Original  
Date: April 20, 2012

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Bill Summary: This proposal changes candidate filing dates for primary elections.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</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 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</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.

This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</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 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</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 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** and the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume the costs per primary election would increase because of the following assumptions.

Absentee voting begins on the 6th Tuesday prior to an election. Proposed legislation dictates that the Secretary of State is to provide the names of candidates on the 5th Tuesday prior to the Primary election. Ballots would have to be reprinted. Additionally, depending on whether or not an incumbent or only party candidate withdraws or dies, after the 6th Tuesday prior to the Primary election, ballots may have to be printed a 3rd time. Would also be an issue of complying with Federal law on timeliness of ballot delivery to overseas and military voters.

Ballot printing costs usually run \$20,000 for a primary election. We would also have additional costs for expedited shipping of each run. A potential additional cost of \$45,000 per primary election for reprinting of ballots.

Legislation is unclear about sending the updated ballots to those voters having cast an absentee ballot prior to the time that the SOS certified the candidates. There may be an additional cost for mailing the completed ballots out to those who have previously cast an absentee ballot. Estimate of \$500.00 for postage, envelopes etc. Total per primary election: \$45,500

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume it is impossible for us to set up a primary election in five weeks. Absentee opens 6 weeks prior to the election and pursuant to Federal law, military and overseas ballots are mailed 45 days prior to the election. This proposal states we would not receive candidate names from SOS until 5 weeks before the election. Assuming we would have to build an election with partial information, corrected ballots would have to be sent to all absentee voters who were mailed an incorrect ballot. Currently we mail 1,800 military and overseas ballots. Therefore, we would have to mail a minimum of 1,800 corrected ballots. Therefore, this proposal is an unknown impact.

Officials at the **Johnson County** assume unknown additional costs from reprinting ballots.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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.

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Barry, Bates, Boone, Buchanan, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Franklin, Greene, Hickory, Holt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, 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, Wayne and Webster did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
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**LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITY FUNDS**

<u>Cost - reprinting ballots</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITY FUNDS**

<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</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.

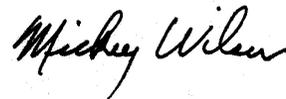
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal changes candidate filing dates for primary elections.

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

Johnson 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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