

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0134-01  
Bill No.: HB 113  
Subject: Elections; Military Affairs  
Type: Original  
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Bill Summary: This proposal relates to uniformed military voters.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
General Revenue	(\$246,800)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(\$246,800)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<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 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</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 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</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 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this proposal will require the SOS to establish an electronic system through which a "covered voter" can apply for, receive and submit voter registration materials, military-overseas ballots, federal postcard applications, military-overseas ballot applications and other approved electronic registration applications. The system must be capable of allowing a "covered voter" to register to vote and to vote by absentee ballot.

This proposal would require the SOS to develop a electronic free-access system in coordination with the local election authorities of the state that would allow a "covered voter" to track their federal postcard application or other registration application, as well as the "covered voter's" military-overseas ballot status to confirm that each has been received and accepted. This proposal would allow for a covered voter to use an electronic signature and would require significant changes to MCVR to allow an electronic signature

This proposal will require the SOS to make significant computer programming changes to MCVR and other systems which is estimated to be \$246,800.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume that an additional cost of \$4,741 per election would be incurred due to this proposal. The majority of costs would be personnel to handle the precessing of the ballots.

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume costs of \$10,000 per election which would include temporary help and printing expenses.

Officials at the **Buchanan County** are unsure if this proposal would have a fiscal impact or not.

**Oversight** assumes that the local election authorities will be able to absorb any fiscal impact from this proposal with existing resources.

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

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost - Secretary of State - creating a covered voter electronic system</u>	<u>(\$246,800)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>(\$246,800)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<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

This proposal establishes the Uniformed Military and Overseas Voters Act that is consistent with and implements the state's responsibilities under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973, et. seq. These provisions apply to specified members of the armed forces and specified dependents who are registered to vote in this state who are voting in general, special, presidential preference, or primary elections for federal offices or a general, special, or primary election for statewide, state legislative offices, or state ballot measures and any election allowing absentee voting.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The Secretary of State will be responsible for implementing the provisions of the bill. A covered voter is allowed to register to vote while overseas and to request ballots using state or federal applications. A covered voter may register to vote using the federal postcard application or its electronic equivalent and may simultaneously request a federal write-in absentee ballot or a military-overseas ballot. A covered voter will be allowed to communicate with election authorities using electronic mail, and ballots and applications will be provided by facsimile, electronic mail delivery, or Internet delivery if it is offered by the voter's jurisdiction. The criteria for validating ballots are specified in the bill. A voter's mistake or omission in the completion of a ballot under these provisions cannot invalidate a ballot.

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



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