

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0842-02
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed HB 163
Subject: Elections; Political Parties; Cities, Towns, and Villages
Type: Original
Date: May 21, 2013

Bill Summary: This proposal establishes procedures for any person desiring to become a candidate for mayor or councilman in certain cities in which the primary election for such race has been cancelled.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 6 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
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 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§ 77.030 - Council Members in 3rd Class Cities:

In response to similar legislation, HCS for SB 90, the following responded.

Officials at the **City of Maryland Heights** assume this section of the proposal could potentially save the City of Maryland Heights \$6,000 biannually or \$30,000 over the next ten years.

Oversight assumes this section of the proposal is permissive and dependent upon the passage of an ordinance or ballot proposal.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State** assume this section of the proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

§ 78.090 - Certain Third Class City Primary Elections:

Officials at the **City of Monett** state primary elections were held in 2012 and 2008 at an average cost of \$6,056. Neither primary election was needed to reduce the number of candidates required for the general municipal election in April. Of the last four primary and general elections (2012, 2008, 2004, 2000), only one actually eliminated a candidate.

In response to similar legislation from 2012 (HB 1250), officials of the **City of West Plains** stated the Office of Mayor and City Councilman have four (4) year terms of office. Primary elections are held each year if enough candidates have filed for the elected office. This proposal would allow the city to cancel the primary if two or fewer candidates file for the elected office. The city would realize a savings if the primary is cancelled.

In response to similar legislation from 2012 (HB 1250), officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** assumed the City of West Plains and the City of Monett are the only two 3rd class cities with a commission form of government that have a primary election.

SOS assumes that there is no fiscal impact from this section.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Oversight assumes the City of West Plains and the City of Monett may or may not choose to have a primary election for the office of mayor and councilman. The respective cities would realize savings, dependent upon the cancellation of the February primary when the number of candidates that file for the office of mayor and councilman does not exceed the number required to proceed to the general election.

Oversight assumes the proposal is permissive, and for the purpose of the fiscal note, will show no savings to the City of West Plains and the City of Monett.

§ 96.229 - Local Hospitals Selling, Leasing, or Transferring Property:

Oversight assumes this section requires a resolution adopted by at least two-thirds of the members of the board of trustees of the hospital in question, a majority vote of the city council, and approval by the voters of the city. A ballot measure cannot be resubmitted to the voters sooner than 12 months from the date of last question.

Oversight assumes this section requires additional action to be taken by the board of trustees, city council, and voters. Therefore, Oversight will assume no direct fiscal impact on hospitals and cities from this section.

§ 190.335 - County 911 Emergency Boards:

Oversight assumes this section of the proposal relates to the filling of vacant county 911 emergency board positions. This section should not result in a direct fiscal impact on counties.

§§ 473.730, 473.733, and 473.737 - St. Louis City Public Administrator:

Oversight assumes this section of the proposal will require the St. Louis City public administrator to be appointed by a majority of the circuit and associate circuit judges of the 22nd judicial circuit.

Oversight assumes this section of the proposal would result in no direct fiscal impact on St. Louis City.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Bill as a Whole:

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Revenue, Department of Health and Senior Services, City of Kansas City, City of Columbia, and St. Louis County** each assume the proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<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

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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
Office of the Attorney General
Department of Revenue
Department of Health and Senior Services
City of Kansas City
City of Columbia
City of Maryland Heights
City of West Plains
City of Monett
St. Louis County



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