

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1534-05
Bill No.: HCS for SB 294
Subject: Courts; Public Service Commission; Utilities
Type: Original
Date: May 2, 2013

Bill Summary: This proposal allows the Public Service Commission to intervene in certain legal proceedings and changes the laws regarding certain water corporations.

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 5 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

§386.210

This section allows the Public Service Commission to intervene in certain legal proceedings.

§386.370

This section merges water and sewer corporations into one group of public utilities for assessment purposes.

§393.190

This section requires that any person, corporation, or utility who wishes to acquire fifty percent or more of the total stock issued by a water or sewer corporation get permission from the Public Service Commission.

§393.760

This section modifies the process regarding elections for the issuance of bonds.

Officials from the **Kansas City Election Board** state that the cost to conduct a one-issue, city-wide election in the Kansas City portion of Jackson County would be approximately \$350,000 to \$400,000.

According to officials from the **Platte County Board of Elections**, there would be no direct costs to the Platte County Board of Elections.

There would be costs for the election for the District conducting an election. Costs per election would range from \$50,000 to \$60,000.00, depending upon the number of other participants involved in the election, as costs would be pro-rated based upon the number of registered voters within each district

Oversight assumes the proposal does not call for additional elections and will assign no fiscal impact for elections in local political subdivisions.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

§§393.1000 & 393.1003

This portion of the proposal deals with infrastructure system replacement surcharges for water corporations (St. Louis County).

Officials from the **Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD)** assume that HCS/SB 294 states that, "For purposes of this section, water corporations and sewer corporations will be combined..." and further defines sewer corporations as, "...operating for gain." The MSD is non-profit political subdivision and does not operate for gain. HCS/SB 294 further states that, "The commission may appear, participate, and intervene in any federal, state, or other administrative, regulatory, or judicial proceeding in which the commission has standing." The "Commission," in this case, refers to the Missouri Public Service Commission which does not govern the rates of MSD. As a result, HCS/SB 294 does not apply to MSD.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Public Service Commission** and the **Office of Public Counsel, Administrative Hearing Commission, Department of Natural Resources, Office of State Courts Administrator, St. Louis County Board of Elections,** and the **City of Columbia** each assume this 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

Department of Economic Development
 Public Service Commission
 Office of Public Counsel
Administrative Hearing Commission
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Natural Resources
Local Election Boards
 Platte County Board of Election Commissioners
 Kansas City Election Board
 St. Louis County Board of Elections
Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
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