

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6133-02
Bill No.: Perfected SCS for SB 892
Subject: Elections; Secretary of State
Type: Original
Date: April 8, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the presidential primary election date from February to March.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue	\$0	(Up to \$37,495,000)	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	(Up to \$37,495,000)	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
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 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this proposal changes the date of the Presidential Preference Primary to the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each presidential election year.

By moving the Presidential Preference Primary Election to the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March, this leaves approximately three weeks between the Presidential Primary and the general municipal election. Voting machines may need to be reprogrammed to accommodate the general municipal election. In the event that local election authorities do not have sufficient time to reprogram their voting machines, additional voting machines may need to be purchased. Because it is difficult to estimate the number of machines needed, the estimated costs are unknown but may be up to \$37,495,000.

For purposes of this fiscal note, it is unclear whether the funding for this proposal will be provided by the state or local governments.

Oversight assumes this proposal moves the election to the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March. In Fiscal Year 2016, the date of the next Presidential Primary would become March 15, 2016. Having this election too close to the April Municipal election would result in the need for additional voting systems. **Oversight** will reflect the cost of the machines in the fiscal note as the estimate provided by SOS.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume this would require the purchase of a separate voting system that would create a one-time cost of \$177,000. The current voting systems would already be in use for the April election making it necessary to purchase additional equipment.

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume this proposal would add about \$500,000 to the election cycle costs. This would cover the additional costs of overtime, additional machines and logistical issues as we will be simultaneously performing two elections (March Presidential and April Municipal).

Officials at the following board of election commissions: Kansas City Board of Election Commission, 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.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Audrain, Barry, Bates, Boone, Buchanan, 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 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
GENERAL REVENUE			
Cost - Secretary of State - purchase of additional voting equipment	<u>\$0</u>	(Up to <u>\$37,495,000</u>)	<u>\$0</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>\$0</u>	(Up to <u>\$37,495,000</u>)	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<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

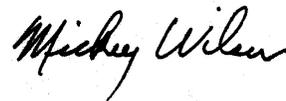
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This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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