

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 880-01
Bill No.: HB 247
Subject: Elections: Early Voting
Type: Original
Date: February 2, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
 This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Secretary of State officials assume no fiscal impact to their office.

Officials of the **St.Louis County Board of Election Commission** stated that mandatory “early voting” would be fiscally and administratively devastating to the larger election authorities. Officials estimate if early voting were required their election authority would realize the following additional expenses. Officials stated that as the largest election authority in the state with 640,000 registered voters scattered over 475 square miles, they would need a minimum of three satellite locations in addition to their main office to comply with this proposal. Officials estimate they would have annual recurring fixed cost for 6 additional full-time employees, with fringe benefits, 6 additional temporary employees, transportation, and satellite office rental totaling \$202,991. Officials estimate they would have non recurring costs for equipment and programming charges totaling \$17,750. These estimates do not include additional postage, envelopes and other necessary supplies. Officials also assume there would be some additional overtime costs.

Officials of the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume this proposal would create some new duties. Officials stated the additional costs entailed by this proposal would be approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 for a major election.

Oversight based on statements supplied by election authorities, will show costs as (Unknown) to local governments.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004

COUNTIES

<u>Cost to Election Authorities</u> for early voting requirements	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires all election authorities to establish an advance voting period for all elections. The advance voting period would begin on the third Monday before an election and end on the Friday immediately before an election. The election authority must establish and post the hours, dates, and locations for advance voting.

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

Secretary of State
St.Louis County Board of Election Commission
Kansas City Board of Election Commission



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