

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

LR No.: 3617-01  
Bill No.: HB 1150  
Subject: Elections: Campaign Finance  
Type: Original  
Date: February 16, 2004

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<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.  
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of State Court Administrator** assume that appeals of decisions of the Mo. Ethics Commission would be appealed to the Cole County Circuit Court. Officials stated that they would not expect the number of appeals to be so great as to have a fiscal impact on the Courts.

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Missouri Ethics Commission** stated this proposal would annually increase the State's General Revenue Fund by approximately \$10,000, due to the annual lobbyist registration fee. Officials assume no fiscal impact to the Commission.

Officials of the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission, Kansas City Board of Election Commission, and the Greene County Clerk, and Jefferson County Clerk** assume no fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b><u>Income</u></b> to Mo. Ethics Commission from annual \$10,000 lobbyist fee	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$10,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,000</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This bill makes several changes to the laws regarding ethics and campaign contribution disclosures. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires lobbyists to file verified registration forms with the Missouri Ethics Commission no later than January 5 of each year or five days after beginning lobbyist activities;
- (2) Requires financial interest statements to be filed with the commission electronically rather than in paper form and changes the dates by which financial interest statements must be filed;
- (3) Allows candidates for General Assembly leadership positions to form campaign committees, sets the campaign contribution limits for the leadership committees, requires the leadership committees to file campaign contribution disclosure reports by certain dates, and prohibits the leadership committees from making campaign contributions to leadership candidates' regular candidate committees;
- (4) Changes the language regarding the notice that must be given to subjects of complaints and commission investigations from "actual notice" to "notice";

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DESCRIPTION continued

- (5) Changes the body to which subjects of complaints may appeal Missouri Ethics Commission actions from the Administrative Hearing Commission to the circuit court of Cole County;
- (6) Deletes direct dollar amounts from various sections limiting campaign contributions and instead references the section setting the base amount and the method of computing the biennial increase;
- (7) Changes the requirement that certain candidates file required reports with both their local election authority and the commission, to just the commission;
- (8) Requires that candidates for the General Assembly file campaign disclosure reports electronically, beginning on a date set by the commission but not later than January 1, 2005;
- (9) Deletes the requirement that the commission print and make available a summary of all laws over which the commission has enforcement powers;
- (10) Reorganizes various sections regarding reporting requirements for out-of-state committees and candidates nominated by political party committees; and
- (11) Changes the dollar amount of contributions which triggers the requirement for continuing committees to file electronic reports from \$15,000 to \$5,000 and extends the requirement to political party committees and campaign committees.

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

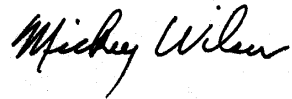
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NOT RESPONDING

Office of Attorney General

The County Clerks of : Boone, Callaway, Marion, Franklin, Cape Girardeau, and Johnson  
Counties, and the St. Louis City Board of Election Commission

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Mickey Wilson, CPA  
Director  
February 16, 2004