

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

LR No.: 4613-03  
Bill No.: HB 1685  
Subject: Elections: Absentee Voting  
Type: Original  
Date: April 16, 2004

---

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</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.  
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

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>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

\* Cost to Election Authorities, on a statewide basis, is expected to exceed \$100,000.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

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

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State- Administrative Rules**, assume that to promulgate rules to implement this proposal would have publication costs. Rules would be published in the Missouri Register and the Code of State Regulations. Officials stated that based on experience with other divisions, the rules and regulations could require as many as 12 pages in the Code of State Regulations. Roughly half again as many pages are published in the Missouri Register as in the Code. The estimated cost of a page in the Missouri Register is \$23. The estimated cost of a page in the Code is \$27. The actual cost could be more or less than the numbers given. The impact of the legislation in future years is Unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn. Officials estimate costs in FY 2005 at \$246.

**Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.**

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials of the **Jackson County Board of Election Commission** estimate the following fiscal impact:

1 - Absentee Voting Coordinator, 3 - Site Supervisors, and 30 - Part-Time Staff, all with a total annual estimated costs of \$238,477

Rental Space - \$7,125

Equipment - \$22,524

Printing - \$1,500

Programming - \$1,260

**Total Estimated annual Costs \$270,886**

Officials of the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** estimate the following fiscal impact:

Extra Staff and Election Judges, Equipment and Technology, Supplies, **total estimated costs** in FY 05 at \$77,512; and in FY 06 at \$75,887; and \$75,887 in FY 07.

Officials of the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** stated they currently do “satellite” absentee voting in person, therefore, officials assume a very modest cost increase of approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 in a major election. Officials assume they could realize some election day reduced cost, depending upon the number of people who vote absentee.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Cost to Election Authorities  
for absentee voting \*

(Unknown)

(Unknown)

(Unknown)

**\*Cost to Election Authorities, on a statewide basis, is expected to exceed \$100,000 annually.**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

This bill allows absentee voting for any reason from the sixth Tuesday before an election until 5 p.m. the day before the election at the office of the election authority and up to four other polling places designated by the election authority. The election authority must post the hours, dates, and locations for voting absentee.

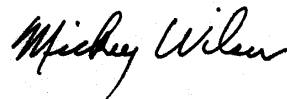
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State  
Jackson County Board of Election Commission  
Kansas City Board of Election Commission  
Platte County Board of Election Commission

NOT RESPONDING

St. Louis County Board of Election Commission  
Boone County Clerk  
Callaway County Clerk  
Johnson County Clerk  
St. Charles County Clerk  
Marion County Clerk



Mickey Wilson, CPA  
Director  
April 16, 2004