

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

LR No.: 0139-01
Bill No.: HB 149
Subject: Elections: Advanced Voting
Type: Original
Date: March 4, 2005

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Local Government *	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

* Annual cost of advanced voting, 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 to their office.

St. Louis County Board of Election Commission stated that cost is indeterminate, because they have no way of knowing how many additional voters would utilize advance voting. Officials assume they would have additional cost from operating and staffing approximately four different off-site voting locations. Officials stated that although additional voting sites are not required, the voting public would demand it. Additional site would require a significant outlay for additional personnel.

Kansas City Board of Election Officials assume this proposal would have significant fiscal impact. Officials assume they would need additional staff some part-time, some full-time, and site rental, equipment, and programming expense all totaling an estimated \$250,000 annually. Some elections cost would be less.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Platte County Board of Election Commission assume they would need additional staff, equipment, postage and supplies totaling \$52,017 in FY 2006; and \$51,292 total in FY 2007; and \$51,292 in FY 2008.

Officials of the **Jasper County Clerk's Office** assume they would need additional staff, and some additional supplies. Officials did not submit an estimate of cost.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008

**CITY/COUNTY ELECTION
AUTHORITIES**

<u>Cost</u> to Election Authorities from additional cost of advance voting *	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

* **Annual cost of advanced voting, on a statewide basis, is expected to exceed \$100,000.**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

DESCRIPTION

Currently, absentee voting is permitted only for certain reasons, and applications for absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately prior to an election. This bill changes the terminology from "absentee" to "advance" voting, allows advance voting for any reason, and extends the application deadline for advance voting to 5:00 p.m. on the Friday

immediately prior to an election. Election authorities are allowed to designate locations other

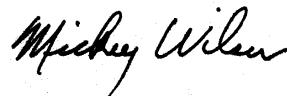
DESCRIPTION (continued)

than the election authorities' offices as additional sites to apply for and vote advance ballots in person.

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 Secretary of State - Elections Division
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
Platte County Board of Election Commission
Jasper County Clerk



Mickey Wilson, CPA
Director
March 4, 2005