

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3226-01
Bill No.: HJR 39
Subject: Constitutional Amendments: Education, Elementary and Secondary; Religion
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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	(\$52,560)	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$52,560)	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** state there will be no fiscal impact to their agency or to local school districts.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State - Division of Elections (SOS)** state that statewide newspaper publication of state statutes cost approximately \$1,752 per column inch based on estimate provided by the Missouri Press Service x 3 for multiple printings as required by the Constitution and state statute = \$5,256 per column inch. SOS estimates the total number of inches for this amendment to be 10 inches, which includes title header and certification paragraph. \$5,256 x 10 inches = \$52,560. If a special election is called for this purpose rather than being voted on at a general election, the cost of the special election has been estimated to be \$1.2 million based on the cost of the past two such elections.

The following school districts indicated there would be little or no fiscal impact from this proposed amendment, if enacted by a vote of the people: **Poplar Bluff, Columbia, Kansas City, Parkway.**

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - Secretary of State</u>			
Publication cost	(\$52,560)	\$0	\$0
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>(\$52,560)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<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.

DESCRIPTION

This proposed constitutional amendment guarantees, upon voter approval, a citizen's First Amendment right to pray and worship in all public areas including schools as long as the activities are voluntary and subject to the same rules and regulations that apply to all other types of speech.


The amendment also reaffirms a citizen's right to choose any religion or no religion at all by prohibiting both the establishment of an official state religion and any state coercion or endorsement of religion through practices as composing official state prayers.

Public schools receiving state funds are required to display the text of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States in a conspicuous and legible manner.

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
Division of Elections
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
School Districts
Columbia
Kansas City
Poplar Bluff
Parkway

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mickey Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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