

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4069-01
Bill No.: HB 1499
Subject: Ethics: Elections, Candidates, Lobbyist
Type: Original
Date: February 24, 2006

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

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 of the **Missouri Ethics Commission** stated this proposal would have no fiscal impact to the Commission, however, officials state this proposal will generate approximately \$10,000 annually. The revenue would be generated from an annual lobbyist registration fee of \$10. Officials state that the revenue realized would be deposited in the State General Revenue Fund

In response to almost identical legislation of this session (fiscal note 3219-01 SB 689) the officials of the **Office of State Court Administrator** stated this proposal would allow appeals of the Missouri Ethics Commission to the Cole County Circuit Court. Officials do not expect the number of appeals to be so great as to have a fiscal impact on the courts.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

<u>Income</u> to Mo. Ethics Commission from \$10 annual lobbyist registration fee.	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
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<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 bill changes 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 and removes the requirement that twice a year lobbyists provide the commission with a summary of legislation they supported or opposed (Section 105.473, RSMo);
- (2) Changes the dates when financial interest statements must be filed and designates the commission as the filing officer for all other persons required to file a financial statement for which no filing officer is otherwise specified (Sections 105.487 and 105.489);
- (3) Allows lobbyists and other individuals to appeal a late fee assessment on a disclosure report (Sections 105.492 and 105.963);
- (4) Changes the body to which individuals may appeal commission actions from the Administrative Hearing Commission to the Circuit Court of Cole County (Section 105.961);
- (5) Removes the requirement that municipal lobbyists in Kansas City register with the city clerk (Section 105.971);

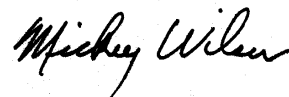
DESCRIPTION (continued)

- (6) Removes the requirement that the commission print and make available a summary of all laws for which it has enforcement powers (Section 105.973);
- (7) Removes direct dollar amounts from various sections limiting campaign contributions and instead references the section establishing the base amount and the method of computing the biennial increase (Sections 130.011 and 130.046);
- (8) Permits candidates or committees who file with the local election authorities to omit the name and number of bank accounts (Section 130.021);
- (9) Changes references from the Campaign Finance Review Board to the Missouri Ethics Commission (Section 130.036);
- (10) Eliminates the requirement of filing campaign finance disclosure reports with an election authority if the reports have been filed electronically with the commission and the candidate has filed a declaration that electronic filing will be used exclusively (Section 130.041);
- (11) Reorganizes various sections regarding reporting requirements for out-of-state committees and candidates nominated by political party committees (Sections 130.049 and 130.050);
- (12) Changes from \$15,000 to \$5,000 the amount of contributions which triggers the requirement for continuing committees to file electronic reports and extends the requirement to political party committees and campaign committees (Section 130.057); and
- (13) Moves a section regarding the nomination of candidates from Section 130.050 to Section 130.062 (Section 130.062).

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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