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FISCAL NOTE

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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 Other 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 All 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

According to officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)**, this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

DESE assumes this proposal would increase the aggregate bond limit of school districts by billions of dollars. The actual effects of this proposal at the local level are dependent on the actions of the local school board in each district presenting bond issues to the voters and the actions of their local voters in approving or defeating proposed bond issues.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** indicate that statewide newspaper publication of state statutes cost approximately $1,752 per column inch based on estimates 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 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.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials from the **Parkway** and **Independence School Districts** do not foresee a fiscal impact to their districts resulting from this proposal.

Officials from the **Poplar Bluff School District** assume this proposal could have a positive fiscal impact on schools by allowing a school more flexibility as it plans for growth and building improvements.

Oversight assumes that the proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, only gives school districts the option of increasing the level of bond indebtedness and requires a local election to do so. Therefore, no estimate of fiscal impact to school districts is assigned.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
GENERAL REVENUE			
Cost - Office of Secretary of State Publication expenses	($52,560)	$0	$0
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	**($52,560)**	$0	$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
	$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 proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, elevates the allowable level of bonded indebtedness for school districts from 15% to 20%.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

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

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Office of Secretary of State
    Division of Elections
School Districts
    Parkway
    Independence
    Poplar Bluff

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