

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4347-01  
Bill No.: HJR 44  
Subject: Constitutional Amendments; Military Affairs; Motor Vehicles; Taxation and  
Revenue - Property  
Type: Original  
Date: February 3, 2006

---

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>
<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.

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

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

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **State Tax Commission** state this proposal will impact local political subdivisions, including schools. There could be an unknown decrease in revenue from the loss of personal property taxes, however, the amount of the loss is unknown and will vary depending on the number of active military personnel that would qualify.

Officials from the **Office of the Adjutant General** assume the proposal would not directly impact their agency. However, passage of the proposal would improve soldier satisfaction and benefit the approximate 1,600 members currently serving on active duty.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume 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, which includes title header and certification paragraph. SOS estimates a total publication cost of \$52,560 (\$5,256 x 10 inches) to be incurred in FY 2007 as a result of this proposal.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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.

Officials from **St. Louis County** assume the proposal would result in a negligible loss to their county.

Officials from **Greene County** assume the proposal would cause their county to lose some tax revenue.

Officials from **Cole County** state there are approximately 300 active duty military in Cole County. Using an average tax bill on personal property of \$300, this proposal would reduce collections by \$90,000. Cole County Government's portion of this would be \$16,200. The assessor does not have information on when those that are deployed will return, or how many more may be deployed. The impact will be at its greatest when the county is at war. If no troops are deployed in 2008 and 2009, the impact would be insignificant.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal is subject to statewide voter approval and that all loss of tax revenues to local political subdivisions would be contingent on such a vote. Oversight also assumes the issue would be put before the voters at the next general election (November, 2006) and the state would not incur the estimated \$1.2 million cost for a special election.

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

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2007  
(10 Mo.)

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.

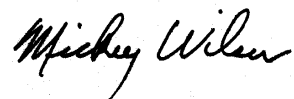
DESCRIPTION

This proposed constitutional amendment exempts, upon voter approval, one motor vehicle from personal property tax if owned for the entire tax year by any active-duty military personnel who is absent from Missouri more than 270 days. The vehicle cannot be driven during that time.

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

State Tax Commission  
Office of the Adjutant General  
Office of the Secretary of State  
St. Louis County  
Greene County  
Cole County



Mickey Wilson, CPA  
Director  
February 3, 2006