

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4583-01  
Bill No.: HB 1765  
Subject: Secretary of State: Elections, Vote Centers  
Type: Original  
Date: March 3, 2006

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	(\$400,000)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>(\$400,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
<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 5 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 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials of the **Office of the Secretary of State - Elections Division** stated that this bill requires the Secretary of State to maintain secure electronic access to any voting information processed at such vote center so that any other vote center in the election authority's jurisdiction may immediately access such information. No county may establish vote centers unless the secretary of state has certified that the secure electronic access is sufficient to prevent any voter from voting more than once and to prevent any unauthorized access to any information maintained by the election authority under this chapter.

This would be a substantial change in the business process for Local Election Authorities and in the system operations of the Missouri Centralized Voter Registration System. The new MCVR requirement will have to be analyzed and then the system redesign must be programmed. The estimated cost is \$400,000 conservatively.

Officials of the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume this proposal is permissive, the costs would be local. Officials stated if they were to choose to establish voter centers, there could be a cost increase as much as 10% in a major election. For example, in an election that cost \$300,000, the cost would be \$30,000.

**ASSUMPTION** (continued)

Officials of the **Jasper County Clerk's Office** assume this proposal is permissive, and assume no fiscal impact.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal only authorizes local election authorities to establish voter centers. **Oversight** assumes if an election authority were to choose to establish voter centers there would be fiscal impact to that authority. **Oversight** will show local fiscal impact as \$0 if local election officials choose not to establish voter centers, or a negative unknown if they decide to have vote centers.

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

<u>Cost</u> to Secretary of State For development cost for MCVR system.	<u>(\$400,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$400,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
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**LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES**

<u>Cost</u> to Election Authorities from establishing vote centers	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

#### DESCRIPTION

This bill allows election authorities to establish vote centers so that a voter in the town, city, or other district may vote without being registered in a particular precinct. A vote center cannot be used for general elections unless it has been used for a previous election held on or after January 1, 2007, in the relevant town, city, or other district. If an election authority chooses to have vote centers, counties with a population of 25,000 or more registered voters must establish one vote center for every 10,000 registered voters. This requirement may be waived by the Secretary of State at the request of the governing body of the county.

Election authorities at all vote centers will have access to votes cast at every other vote center in the relevant district, and the Secretary of State must certify that the vote centers are organized to prevent election fraud and the unauthorized disclosure of information. Election authorities must consult the chair of every major political party and a member of any minor political party when deciding on the number and location of vote centers.

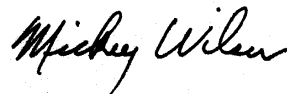
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State - Elections Division  
Kansas City Board of Election Commission  
Jasper County Clerk

#### NOT RESPONDING

Oversight sent response request to St. Louis City and County Election Commissions, Jackson County Election Commission, Platte County Election Commission and the County Clerks of : Greene, Cass, Clay, Johnson, Laclede, Boone, Franklin and many others and have no response.



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