

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0611-01
Bill No.: HJR 3
Subject: Constitutional Amendments; Transportation Department
Type: Original
Date: January 16, 2007

Bill Summary: This legislation proposes a constitutional amendment replacing the Highways and Transportation Commission with a Director of Transportation.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Road Fund	\$0	\$25,289	\$52,094
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$25,289	\$52,094

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Missouri Department of Transportation** assume this proposed constitutional amendment abolishes the Highways and Transportation Commission and transfers that body's powers to the Department of Transportation. The Director is to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate and is in charge of the Department of Transportation. The present members of the Highway Commission shall serve until a Director has been appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The average yearly expenses for the Commission is \$49,104. This average is based on FY2000-FY2005 expenditures. Due to this legislation going to the vote of the people in November 2007, we assume that the earliest this legislation will be enacted is January, 2008; therefore, there will be 6 months of impact in FY08 while FY09 and FY10 will be for the full amount.

Oversight assumes that this proposal will save the Road Fund the yearly expenses currently outlaid for the Commission. Oversight also assumes this proposal will be voted on in the general election to be held in November 2008, which is the next regularly scheduled general election rather than having a special election called. Oversight assumes the savings for this proposal will begin in FY 2009.

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume many joint resolutions are considered by the General Assembly that would require the SOS to pay for publishing in local newspapers the full text of each statewide ballot measure as directed by Article XII, Section 2(b) of the Missouri Constitution and Section 116.230-116.290, RSMo. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. Funding for this item is adjusted each year depending upon the election cycle with \$1.6 million historically appropriated in even numbered fiscal years and \$100,000 appropriated in odd numbered fiscal years to meet these requirements. The appropriation has historically been an estimated appropriation because the final cost is dependent upon the number of ballot measures approved by the General Assembly and the initiative petitions certified for the ballot. In FY 2006 at the August and November elections there were 6 statewide Constitutional Amendments or ballot propositions that cost \$1 million to publish (an average of \$167,000 per issue). Therefore, the SOS assumes, for the purposes of this fiscal note, that it should have the full appropriation authority it needs to meet the publishing requirements. However, because these requirements are mandatory, we reserve the right to request funding to meet the cost of our publishing requirements if the Governor and the General Assembly change the amount or

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

estimated nature of our appropriation.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of advertising the statewide ballot measure related to this proposal within their current appropriation level. If multiple bills pass or if multiple ballot initiatives are validated which require similar advertising at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

Officials at the **Office of Administration's Budget and Planning** assumes no fiscal impact from this proposal.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
ROAD FUND			
<u>Savings - Department of Transportation</u> Expenses of Commission	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$25,289</u>	<u>\$52,094</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON ROAD FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$25,289</u>	<u>\$52,094</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 <u>FY 2008</u> <u>(10 Mo.)</u>	 <u>FY 2009</u>	 <u>FY 2010</u>
	<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.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment replaces the Highways and Transportation Commission with a Director of Transportation appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The present members of the commission will serve until a

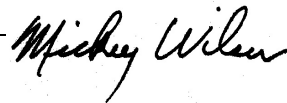
director is appointed.

FISCAL 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

Missouri Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of State
Office of Administration's Budget and Planning



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