

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1703-01
Bill No.: HB 721
Subject: Elections: Political Subdivisions
Type: Original
Date: March 1, 2007

Bill Summary: Changes certain election requirements.

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
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 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 of the **Office of the Secretary of State - Elections Division** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Kansas City Board of Elections Commission** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **City of Independence** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Platte County Board of Elections Commission** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Parkway School District** assume this proposal could save the district \$25,000 to \$50,000 in a give election year.

Officials of the **City of Centralia** assume this proposal might allow the city to avoid the cost of holding an election. Savings could be about \$1600.

Officials of the **City of West Plains** assume this proposal could have a positive fiscal impact by saving the city the expense of holding an election when the number of candidates equal the number of openings to be filled. Officials stated savings could be from \$1500 to more than \$3000 per election.

Oversight will show a savings to any city, town, or village, or special district from election costs avoidance. **Oversight** cannot determine the amount of election costs savings in a give election year on a statewide basis. **Oversight** will show fiscal impact as \$0 to Unknown. **Oversight** expects savings on a statewide basis could be as much as \$100,000 in a given election year.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2008
(10 Mo.)

FY 2009

FY 2010

**CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES, AND
SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

Savings - Election costs avoidance

\$0 to Unknown

\$0 to Unknown

\$0 to Unknown

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

\$0 to Unknown

\$0 to Unknown

\$0 to Unknown

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill changes the laws regarding election requirements. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Allows employees of election authorities to live outside the jurisdiction of the election authority;
- (2) Allows candidates for municipal offices to take office without an election if the number of candidates is equal to the number of available positions for the office;
- (3) Removes the requirement that party emblems be printed on ballots above the party caption and repeals all provisions regarding emblem selection and placement; and
- (4) Changes the filing deadline for write-in candidates so that election authorities must notify filing officers of write-in candidates by 5:00 p.m. on the sixth Friday before election day. Write-in candidates for state or federal office must file their intent to run with the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on the sixth Friday before election day.

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

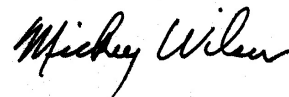
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State - Elections Division
Platte County Board of Elections Commission
Kansas City Board of Elections Commission
City of Independence
City of Centralia
City of West Plains
Parkway School District

NOT RESPONDING

Cities of :

Bernie
California
Cape Girardeau
Columbia
Excelsior Springs
Gladstone
Harrisonville
Lebanon
Lees Summit
Maryland Heights
Neosho
Pacific
Poplar Bluff
Raytown
Rolla
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St. Louis County Board of Elections Commission
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