# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

## **FISCAL NOTE**

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 4267-02 <u>Bill No.</u>: HB 1711

Subject: Emergency Services Board: Christian County

<u>Type</u>: Original

Date: January 30, 2008

Bill Summary: Requires Christian County Commission to appoint an emergency services

board.

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	
Total Estimated Net Effect on				
General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	
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 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	
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 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
<b>Local Government</b>	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

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#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

## **ASSUMPTION**

Officials of the **Nixa Fire Protection District** assume this proposal would unify Christian County under one 911 emergency system. Officials stated that there is the Nixa 911 system and the Christian County 911 system. Officials stated that this proposal if adopted would allow for a sales tax to be adopted, which under their present system of donating funds for operation of emergency services, would save the fire district at least \$85,000 or more annually. Officials stated that under this proposal. The County Commission appoints the initial board which would have seven members, of which at least one member would be the head of any one of the county's fire protection districts, one would be the head of the county's ambulance district, one would be the County Sheriff, one would be the head of anyone of the county's police departments, and the head of any of the county's emergency management organizations. These members would automatically be the board regardless of who holds the position listed. Under the current system the board would be elected from various areas of the county. Officials assume this would save some cost of holding elections for board members.

Oversight assumes no state fiscal impact.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal allows for an alternative way of establishing a 911 emergency services system. This proposal as written does not require a sales tax to be established for operation of the system, however, it does allow the people of Christian County to vote for a sales tax for the operation of the system. Based on statements from the Nixa Fire Protection District officials this proposal would provides savings to their district but only if the sales tax would be adopted by the voters. **Oversight** assumes because it is not known if the voters of Christian County will adopt the imposition of a sales tax, **Oversight** assumes current law provides for a sales tax.

**Oversight** will show savings due to the elimination of board member elections if this proposal were adopted. Current law provides that once the initial board has been appointed by the County Commission, the appointment would be good for a length of time, then elections would be required.

	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2009 (10 Mo.)	FY 2010	FY 2011

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FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
	(10  Mo.)		

## CHRISTIAN COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

**Savings** - To Christian County 911

**Emergency Services Board** 

from election costs <u>Unknown</u> <u>Unknown</u> <u>Unknown</u>

Unknown

Unknown

**Unknown** 

## ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT \*

\* Based on statements from the Nixa Fire Protection District, there could be additional fiscal impact, however, a sales tax would have to be approved by the voters. Oversight is not able to determine if a sales tax would be adopted.

## FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Oversight assumes if a 911 emergency services sales tax were adopted by the voters of Christian County, small business would be expected to collect, disburse, account for, and pay the sales tax. Current law provides for a voter approved sales tax.

## FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires Christian County, upon voter approval of a county sales tax for central dispatching of emergency services, to appoint a seven-member board including the heads of any of the county's fire protection districts, any of the county's ambulance districts, any of the police departments in the county, any of the county's emergency management organizations, and the County Sheriff, or their respective designee, to administer the funds and oversee the provision of emergency services.

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

Nixa Fire Protection District

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# NOT RESPONDING

Christian County Commission Ozark Fire Protection District Sparta Fire Protection District

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