

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4622-02  
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1763  
Subject: Secretary of State: Petitions  
Type: Original  
Date: February 14, 2008

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Bill Summary: Modifies requirements pertaining to petition circulators.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</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.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
<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 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ 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).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

The **Office of the Secretary of State - Elections** stated they receive an unknown number of petitions each fiscal year. Determining that each petition circulator is at least 18 years of age, is a resident of Missouri, is a registered voter, and is registered with the Secretary of State will add to the verification process.

Currently, the Secretary of State's practice regarding petitions is that each petition circulator may complete a form on the Internet. The applicant must swear or affirm their name, residential or mailing address, the name of the petition, telephone number, whether or not they are to be paid for soliciting signatures, and the name of the person from whom payment is expected. The form will be revised to accommodate this proposed new legislation.

The number of petitions received in fiscal year 2008 is six. For verification of petition circulators, the process will be to 1. Alphabetize the approximately 600 forms of potential petition circulators; 2. Enter the data; 3. Cross-check with the Missouri Centralized Voter Registration database.

Assumption: An increase of one petition per fiscal year; 12 minutes per petition circulation  
840 hours per year.

600 petition circulators

x 7 petitions

4,200 x 12 minutes per name = 50,400 minutes

50,400 minutes / 60 = 840 hours

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State - Elections** assume they would need .50 FTE to handle any increase in office work from petitions filed, and would need additional equipment and supplies. Officials estimate costs for FY 2009 at \$19,792; and \$20,092 in FY 2010; and \$20,694 in FY 2011.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal requires the applicant to swear and affirm that the information supplied is correct and true. This proposal does not require verification.

**Oversight** assumes the Secretary of State already conducts much of the work on petitions, and the changes only add 3 additional requirements, but not necessarily additional duties. **Oversight** assumes if a number of bills would pass that would require additional duties, the Secretary of State would reserve the right to request additional staff. **Oversight** assumes the Secretary of State could meet this proposals requirements with existing staff and appropriations.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

Officials of the **Office of Attorney General** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume no fiscal impact on the Courts.

Officials of the **Department of Corrections** assume there would be \$0 to minimal fiscal impact that could be absorbed with existing appropriations.

**In response to similar legislation of this session, fiscal note 3309-01, HB 1407, the following agencies issued fiscal impact statements:**

Officials of the **Office of Prosecution Services** assume this proposal would not have a significant direct fiscal impact on county prosecutors or the Office of Prosecution Services.

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

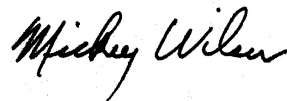
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

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  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
Office of Attorney General  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Department of Corrections

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