

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1695-01  
Bill No.: HB 613  
Subject: Elections; Military Affairs; Secretary of State  
Type: Original  
Date: February 16, 2009

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Bill Summary: This proposal requires the Secretary of State to establish a method to  
allow members of the military and their families to vote on the Internet.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>                   |                  |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2010          | FY 2011          | FY 2012          |
| General Revenue   | (Unknown)        | (Unknown)        | (Unknown)        |
|   |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on<br/>General Revenue<br/>Fund</b> | <b>(Unknown)</b> | <b>(Unknown)</b> | <b>(Unknown)</b> |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>                      |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2010    | FY 2011    | FY 2012    |
|   |            |            |            |
|   |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on <u>Other</u><br/>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>                          |                  |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2010          | FY 2011          | FY 2012          |
| Federal Funds   | (Unknown)        | (Unknown)        | (Unknown)        |
|   |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on <u>All</u><br/>Federal Funds</b> | <b>(Unknown)</b> | <b>(Unknown)</b> | <b>(Unknown)</b> |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b> |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2010  | FY 2011  | FY 2012  |
|   |          |          |          |
|   |          |          |          |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on<br/>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 2010    | FY 2011    | FY 2012    |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State** did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the **Missouri Veterans Commission, Platte County Board of Election Commission, Department of Public Safety's Director's Office** and the **Office of the Adjutant General/Missouri National Guard** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **Taney County** and **Cass County** assume an unknown cost for the system upgrades.

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume the impact of this bill would be in two areas: 1) local ballot tabulation software vendor would have to upgrade its software to interface with a state-approved internet voting software provider. This upgrade would probably be apportioned amongst that vendor's current Missouri client counties and boards; 2) there would be an additional level of coding involved in setting up ballots for those in federal service under this act. It is the experience of the Board of Elections that additional election coding of this nature is always extremely labor intensive.

**Oversight** assumes that the Office of the Secretary of State could incur costs associated with establishing a system that allows members of the military to vote via the internet. Oversight assumes that those costs are unknown and would be paid by general revenue and federal funds. Oversight has shown the costs as unknown.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government

FY 2010  
(10 Mo.)

FY 2011

FY 2012

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## **GENERAL REVENUE**

|   |                  |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Cost</u> - Secretary of State<br>voting via the internet | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|

|  |                         |                         |                         |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON<br/>GENERAL REVENUE</b> | <b><u>(Unknown)</u></b> | <b><u>(Unknown)</u></b> | <b><u>(Unknown)</u></b> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|

## **FEDERAL FUNDS**

|   |                  |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Cost</u> - Secretary of State<br>voting via the internet | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|

|  |                         |                         |                         |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON<br/>FEDERAL FUNDS</b> | <b><u>(Unknown)</u></b> | <b><u>(Unknown)</u></b> | <b><u>(Unknown)</u></b> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|

|   |                     |            |            |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2010<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2011    | FY 2012    |
|   | <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

This bill requires the Secretary of State to establish and implement a secure and confidential system for allowing members of the armed forces, their spouses, and dependants to vote using the Internet. The program is exempt from the general requirements for automated voting systems in Chapter 115, RSMo.

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

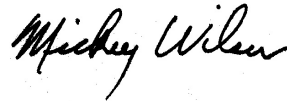
## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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St. Louis County Board of Election Commission  
Cass County  
Department of Public Safety's Director's Office

Not Responding  
Office of the Secretary of State

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mickey Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mickey Wilson, CPA  
Director  
February 16, 2009