

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0285-01  
Bill No.: SB 2  
Subject: Elections; Secretary of State  
Type: Original  
Date: January 7, 2013

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Bill Summary: This proposal requires the Secretary of State to post certain initiative and referendum material on its website.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<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>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<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.  
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<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 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<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 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of Attorney General** assume that any potential costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this proposal requires the SOS to post a petition along with the full text of the proposed measure on its website within two days of receipt of the petition. This would cause a significant increase in web developer time dealing with petitions. This is because currently only approved petitions are posted whereas this proposal would require all petitions to be posted. There were 80 petitions submitted in the 2012 fiscal year. This bill requires a two day (as opposed to two business day) turnaround, and may require weekend and holiday work by the developer may be required. This would result in hour-for-hour compensatory time, effectively doubling the cost for that petition. Based on the 2012 fiscal year this will cost at least \$3,149.

Approximate time to post a petition to the SOS website: One hour.

Anticipated number of petitions per fiscal year (based on FY2012 ): 80

Anticipated number of rejected and withdrawn petitions per fiscal year (based on FY2012): 20

Per-hour web developer cost: \$31.49

Cost per fiscal year:  $(\$31.49 \times 80) + (\$31.49 \times 20) = \$3,149$

In response to a similar proposal last year, SB 774, the Office of the Secretary of State assumed the proposal would have no fiscal impact. Therefore, **Oversight** assumes the SOS could scan and place the text on their website using existing staff and resources. Therefore, this proposal would not have a fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2014 (10 Mo.)	FY 2015	FY 2016
	<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 Attorney General  
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