

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4181-01
Bill No.: HB 1278
Subject: Elections; Disabilities
Type: Original
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Bill Summary: This proposal requires election authorities to make available at least one electronic voting machine for blind or visually impaired voters at state and local elections in order to comply with federal law.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
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 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
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 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume the Help America Vote Act requires that for every federal election each polling place shall provide at least one voting machine accessible to blind or visually impaired voters. The provisions of this proposal expand this requirement to all elections, including local locations.

For the purposes of this fiscal note, the SOS assumes that local election authorities already possess the necessary equipment to meet these new requirements. In the event local election authorities would need to purchase additional machines to meet these requirements, the estimated cost per machine is \$5,000.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume a total cost of \$8,375 per election for the machines and election judges to operate them.

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission** assume no impact as they already supply a machine that will accommodate visually impaired voters at each polling place.

Officials at **Lincoln County** assume this would cost \$8,000 per non federal election for programming, maintenance, delivery and set up of the ADA equipment.

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight assumes this proposal requires that the state shall pay any costs associated with this provision including the purchase and maintenance of the machines. Since the General Assembly is required to appropriate money before this proposal is implemented, Oversight will reflect the impact as \$0 or Unknown.

Officials at the following board of election commissions: St. Louis City Board of Election Commission, Clay County Board of Election Commission and Jackson County Board of Election Commission did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Audrain, Barry, Bates, Boone, Buchanan, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Franklin, Greene, Holt, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lawrence, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Francois, Taney, Warren, Wayne and Worth did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
GENERAL REVENUE			
<u>Cost</u> - Secretary of State - purchase and maintenance of the required machines	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<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 election authorities to make available for all statewide, General Assembly, and local elections at least one electronic voting machine, per polling location, for blind and visually impaired voters in order to comply with federal law. Any additional costs for the maintenance and use of the machines for a statewide or General Assembly election will be paid by the state and subject to appropriations. Anyone may vote using an electronic voting machine without proof of blindness or visual impairment, but a person who is blind or visually impaired is not required to use the machine and may continue to vote by absentee ballot or by any other legal method as currently allowed by law.

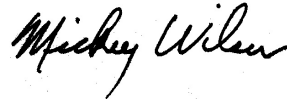
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FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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

Kansas City Board of Election Commission
Lincoln County
Office of the Secretary of State
Platte County Board of Election Commission
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission



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