

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4373-01
Bill No.: HB 1341
Subject: Elections
Type: Original
Date: March 21, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding nonpartisan elections in certain political subdivisions and special districts.

FISCAL SUMMARY

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

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.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

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	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Kansas City Board of Election Commission, Lincoln County, the Office of the Secretary of State** and the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** each assume there is no fiscal impact to their respective organizations from this proposal.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume there are no direct costs to the Election Commission. However, any city not having an election would have a savings ranging from \$150 to \$8,000 per election and those having an election would incur costs of \$150 to \$8,000 per election.

In response to similar legislation filed this year, HB 1341, officials at the **Jackson County Board of Election Commission** assume the impact will be based on which part of their jurisdiction is not having the election. The amount for the legal publication would be \$500 to \$2,000 depending on which newspaper we would be required to utilize.

Oversight assumes this proposal requires political subdivisions that are not having an election to publish the names of the candidates that assume the responsibilities of the office in the newspaper. Oversight assumes this would fiscally impact local political subdivision by an Unknown amount for the cost of the newspaper advertisement.

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

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
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS			
<u>Cost - Local Political Subdivisions - newspaper ad</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FUNDS	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Specifies that in a nonpartisan election in any political subdivision, special district, or a municipal election, except in any city, town, or village with 1,000 or less inhabitants, when no election is held because the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions in that office, the election authority must publish a notice containing the names of the candidates who will assume the responsibilities of office. The notice must be published by April 1 of each year in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision or district. Currently, in a nonpartisan election in any political subdivision or special district with the exception of municipal elections, candidates are allowed to take office without an election if the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions to be filled and proper notice has been published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the district.

It also allows candidates in any city, town, or village with 1,000 or less inhabitants to assume offices in nonpartisan elections when the number of candidates for office equals the number of positions available. This procedure must be approved by a majority of the voters in these small political subdivisions before it becomes effective, and it must be resubmitted to the voters every 6 years.

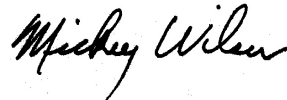
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FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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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