

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 6149-02
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1936
Subject: Elections
Type: Original
Date: March 10, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the primary election day from August to June.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue	\$0	(\$5,062,660)	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	(\$5,062,660)	\$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.
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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	\$5,062,660	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** assume this proposal changes the date of the primary election to the first Tuesday after the third Monday in June of even numbered years. Costs associated with this proposal are difficult to estimate in its current form due to the conflicting language in 115.065, RSMo, and 115.063, RSMo.

However, if the intent of this proposal is to share the primary election costs proportionately between the state and local governments, the state would cover costs associated with computer programming and printing ballots. The SOS estimates that the cost for programming one memory card is \$500. Currently, there are approximately 8,711 voting machines within the state of Missouri. Programming a memory card for each machine would cost the state an estimated \$4,355,500 in FY 2017.

Also, the state would cover any costs associated with printing ballots. An estimated 942,800 ballots were cast in the 2012 August primary election. Pursuant to 115.393, RSMo, local election authorities are required to provide one and a half times the number of ballots cast in the voting district at the next to last primary election. This would require local election authorities to provide an estimated 1,414,320 ballots at a cost of \$.50 per ballot. Thus, total costs associated with printing ballots for the 2016 June primary would be an estimated \$707,160. The state does not currently pay any of these costs for the primary election.

In response to the previous version of this proposal, officials at **Lincoln County**, the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** and the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** each assume there is no fiscal impact to their respective organizations from this proposal.

Oversight will reflect the state's cost of the primary election to the General Revenue fund. Oversight will also reflect a savings to local election authorities from the state paying part of the primary election costs.

Officials at the **McDonald County** respond to Oversight's request but did not indicate a fiscal impact.

Officials at the following board of election commissions: Kansas City Board of Election Commission, 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.

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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
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GENERAL REVENUE

Costs - Secretary of State -state's
 proportional costs for the primary election
 costs

<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$5,062,660)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
 GENERAL REVENUE**

<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$5,062,660)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
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**LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES
 FUNDS**

Savings - Local Election Authorities from
 the state paying part of the primary
 election costs

<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,062,660</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON
 LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES
 FUNDS**

<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,062,660</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

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

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FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill changes the primary election day from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August to the first Tuesday after the third Monday in June.

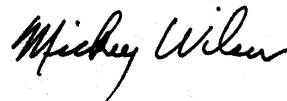
The time period for filing a declaration of candidacy for a primary election will be from the second Tuesday in January to the first Tuesday in February.

The mandatory meeting date for a Congressional district committee is changed from the last Tuesday in August to the last Tuesday in June after each primary election, for a legislative district committee the date is changed from the third Wednesday after each August primary election to the third Wednesday after each June primary election, for a senatorial district committee the date is changed from the third Saturday after each August primary election to the third Saturday after each June primary election, and for a judicial district committee the date is changed from the first Tuesday in September after each primary election to the third Tuesday in July after each primary election.

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

Lincoln County
McDonald County
Office of the Secretary of State
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St. Louis County Board of Election Commission



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