

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1636-01
Bill No.: HB 777
Subject: Elections
Type: Original
Date: February 21, 2017

Bill Summary: This proposal requires the establishment of a death notification system for election authorities in order to remove deceased individuals from voter registration records.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
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 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State, Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Office of Administration, St. Louis County Board of Election Commission, Jackson County Election Board, Platte County Board of Elections, Kansas City Election Board, Buchanan County and Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Officials from the **City of St. Joseph Health Department** state the counties do not file all of the death certificates; therefore, there is no way of knowing the deceased in the county. For instance, in 2016, approximately 200 death certificates were filed. Prior to the implementation of electronic filing, approximately 1,200 death certificates were filed. In addition, residents may die in another county, especially if there is a hospital located in the county.

Officials from the **Cooper County Public Health Center** state they are unable to calculate the cost of creation of software for the DHSS Vital Records Program to notify of individual deaths with the associated county of residence. Due to the upgrade by DHSS to a Digital Death Filing System, deaths are no longer registered by the local county health department. Undertakers may go to the county of choice to buy certificates for customers, but they are not registered, with the one exception of a death that is being certified by a physician or coroner who is not approved to certify online. Since the inception of the digital death filing, Cooper County Public Health Center might file four to six paper certificate deaths a year. There is no way to determine if a county resident dies in or outside of the county unless the family purchases death certificates at the local office. If data from DHSS is shipped here for the local public health department to be forwarded to the county election officials, it would cost a minimum of \$15 to \$50 per hour depending upon the staff working to process the data forward.

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

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Atchison, Boone, Camden, Carroll, Christian, Clay, Cole, Cooper, Daviess, Franklin, Knox, Marion, Miller, Montgomery, New Madrid, Phelps, Platte, and Wayne did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2018 (10 Mo.)	FY 2019	FY 2020
	<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.

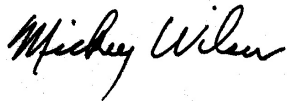
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish a notification system that requires all certificates of death filed and registered by local registrars to be reported, by county, to the appropriate election authorities in order to permit the election authorities to remove the names of the deceased voters from its registration records. Each local registrar must report to the department the names, ages, and known voting addresses in the county of all persons for whom a certificate of death has been filed and registered with the registrar. Each election authority must remove the name of any voter reported dead under these provisions from the voter registration records within 30 days of the death of the voter.

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 the Secretary of State
Department of Health and Senior Services
Office of Administration
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Platte County Board of Elections
Jackson County Election Board
Kansas City Election Board
Buchanan County
Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services
Cooper County Public Health Center



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