

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1128-02
Bill No.: HCS for HB 347
Subject: Elections; Cities, Towns, and Villages; Counties
Type: Original
Date: March 28, 2019

Bill Summary: This proposal requires all elections for city and county committees to appear on the ballot, even if only one eligible candidate has filed.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Local Government	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Platte County Board of Elections** assume the proposal will have a small fiscal impact on their organization resulting from the need to purchase more ballots to adequately supply the different ballot styles.

Officials from the **Clay County Board of Elections** assume the fiscal impact of the proposal is hard to estimate. Depending on the type of election and entity holding the election, Clay County believes the proposal will add a cost of \$20,000 to \$60,000 for extra ballots, publishing legals, supplies, and extra poll workers for an election.

Officials from the **Cole County Clerk's Office** assume the fiscal impact would be around \$5,000. There would be additional cost for the ballot printing and programming. They would have to add several ballot styles to cover the districts for uncontested races.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Board of Elections** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Oversight notes that the proposal would only affect counties holding an uncontested Committeewoman/man election where there is no filing fee. Oversight is unable to determine how many instances in which this type of election would be held and estimates a potential cost to local election authorities as a result of increased ballots and poll workers to fulfill requirements of the proposal. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a potential unknown cost to local election authorities on the fiscal note.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local election authorities were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. For a general listing of political subdivisions included in our database, please refer to www.legislativeoversight.mo.gov.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2020 (10 Mo.)	FY 2021	FY 2022
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LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES

<u>Cost</u> - Increase in ballots, supplies, and poll-workers for election	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or (Unknown)</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.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation requires all elections for city and county committees to appear on the ballot, even if only one eligible candidate has filed.

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
Platte County Board of Elections
Clay County Board of Elections
Cole County Clerk
St. Louis County Board of Elections



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