

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1914-01
Bill No.: HB 992
Subject: Elections
Type: Original
Date: March 7, 2019

Bill Summary: This proposal creates no-excuse absentee voting.

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	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(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 **Kansas City Election Board** assume the fiscal impact of this proposal would be to hire 2 to 4 additional permanent staff at \$40,000 each including benefits to process the increased number of absentee requests. Also postage and printing would increase \$20,000 per election.

Officials from the **Jackson County Election Board** anticipate a 30% increase in mail outs within our jurisdictional boundaries if the proposal should pass. Jackson County Election Board has 240,000 who could qualify under this proposal.

Using Presidential Year 2016 as a guide, the increase in postage costs would be:

March Mail Outs	1,996	30% increase (599) x .70 cents =	\$419.30
April Mail Outs	918	30% increase (276) x .70 cents =	\$193.20
August Mail Outs	1,915	30% increase (575) x .70 cents =	\$402.50
November Mail Outs	11,025	30\$ increase (3,308) x .70 cents =	<u>\$2,315.60</u>
Total Postage			\$3,330.60

Additional part-time help to assemble additional mail-outs of absentee ballots:

\$12.00 per hour x 10 minutes per additional mail-outs (6 per hour) 793 hours = \$9,516.00

Reprinting of absentee ballot envelopes and instructions: = \$4,500.00

Total Fiscal Note for Jackson County Election Board = \$17,346.60

Oversight notes there could be a potential increase in absentee ballots if this proposal were to be enacted. We are unable to determine how many additional individuals will cast an absentee ballot; therefore, Oversight will reflect an unknown fiscal impact for the additional cost to local election authorities.

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

ASSUMPTION (continued)

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> - processing additional absentee ballots	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(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

This bill allows a properly registered voter to cast an absentee ballot without stating a reason.

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
Kansas City Election Board
Jackson County Election Board
Platte County Board of Elections
St. Louis County Board of Elections



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