

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3100-01  
Bill No.: HB 1312  
Subject: Elections; Elderly  
Type: Original  
Date: January 9, 2020

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Bill Summary: This proposal allows individuals age 60 and over to vote absentee without providing a reason.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
General Revenue	<b>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ 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 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### **ASSUMPTION**

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

**Oversight** notes there could be a potential increase in absentee ballots if this proposal were to be enacted. There may be additional mailing expense for returned voted ballot postage that will be charged to the State of Missouri. The **SOS** stated there may be an increase, but the **SOS** is not able to quantify it beyond an “unknown.” Oversight assumes the cost will not be material, and will reflect a zero to a (Less than \$100,000) annual fiscal impact to the State of Missouri.

Officials from the **Kansas City Election Board** assume the proposal would have fiscal impact of \$5,000 - \$10,000 per election for postage and printing, depending on the size of the election, to process the additional absentee voters.

Officials from the **Platte County Board of Elections** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. There will be additional costs for postage for mailed absentee ballots that will be charged to the districts involved in the election. There is additional mailing expense for the returned voted ballot postage that will be charged to the State of Missouri. Also, there is additional printing fees for absentee ballots due to increase of number of eligible absentee voters that is charged to the districts involved in the election.

**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 60 and over will cast an absentee ballot; however, Oversight will reflect an unknown fiscal impact for the additional cost to local election authorities.

Officials from the **St. Louis County Board of Elections, Jackson County Election Board, and Madison County** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local election authorities and county clerks 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](http://www.legislativeoversight.mo.gov).

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - SOS - returned ballot postage	\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)	\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)	\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b><u>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 to (Less than \$100,000)</u></b>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2021 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2022	 FY 2023
<b>LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES</b>			
<u>Cost</u> - processing additional absentee ballots	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>NET EFFECT ON LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITIES</b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(Unknown)</u></b>

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 person 60 years of age or older to vote by absentee ballot without giving a reason.

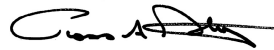
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State  
Kansas City Election Board  
Platte County Board of Elections  
St. Louis County Board of Elections  
Jackson County Election Board  
Madison County



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