

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5027H.011  
 Bill No.: HB 2328  
 Subject: Newspapers and Publications; Political Subdivisions  
 Type: Original  
 Date: March 1, 2024

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies the process by which public notice is required to be published.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Revenue	(\$280,071)	(\$292,882)	(\$298,441)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>(\$280,071)</b>	<b>(\$292,882)</b>	<b>(\$298,441)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
<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.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
General Revenue	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>1 FTE</b>	<b>1 FTE</b>	<b>1 FTE</b>

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Section 493.220 - Modifies the process by which a public notice is required to be published.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state this bill would require the Secretary of State's Office to develop an internal/external web application to support receiving and processing submissions to be posted on the public SOS website for notices. The Information Technology Division estimates total programming for this project at \$218,739. The Business Services Division would require an additional 1 FTE to process the queue of the submissions, for review before placing them on the public website at an initial salary of \$42,216.

**Oversight** has no information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will present the fiscal impact of this proposal as provided by the Office of the Secretary of State.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator**, the **Jackson County Election Board**, the **Platte County Board of Elections**, the **St. Louis City Board of Elections** and the **St. Louis County Board of Elections** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact.

**Oversight** has no information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will present no fiscal impact for these agencies.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** also note many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$5,000. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with its core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
<u>Costs – SOS (§493.220) P. 3</u>			
Personal Service	(\$35,180)	(\$43,060)	(\$43,922)
Fringe Benefits	(\$26,152)	(\$31,710)	(\$32,044)
ITSD Web Development Costs	(\$218,739)	(\$218,112)	(\$222,475)
<u>Total Costs - SOS</u>	(\$280,071)	(\$292,882)	(\$298,441)
FTE Change - SOS	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>	<b>(\$280,071)</b>	<b>(\$292,882)</b>	<b>(\$298,441)</b>
Estimated Net Effect FTE Change on the General Revenue Fund	1 FTE	1 FTE	1 FTE

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2025 (10 Mo.)	FY 2026	FY 2027
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</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 provides that any notice required by law to be published in a newspaper can be published in a newspaper or on the Secretary of State's website. The Secretary of State must develop procedures for submission of the notices and create a specific page on its website that will contain all the notices in a searchable format.

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

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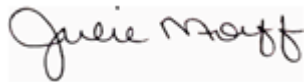
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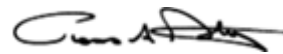
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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