

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1737H.011  
Bill No.: HB 638  
Subject: Elections; Political Parties  
Type: Original  
Date: February 23, 2025

---

Bill Summary: This proposal allows election challengers to be present any time ballots are being cast.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>  |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>                                 | <b>FY 2026</b> | <b>FY 2027</b> | <b>FY 2028</b> |
|  |                |                |                |
|  |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b> | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>              |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2026</b> | <b>FY 2027</b> | <b>FY 2028</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.

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>                  |                |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FUND AFFECTED</b>  | <b>FY 2026</b> | <b>FY 2027</b> | <b>FY 2028</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 2026</b> | <b>FY 2027</b> | <b>FY 2028</b> |
|   |                |                |                |
|   |                |                |                |
| <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 \$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 2026</b> | <b>FY 2027</b> | <b>FY 2028</b> |
|  |                |                |                |
|  |                |                |                |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     |

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

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

Officials from the **Jackson County Election Board, Platte County Board of Elections, St. Charles County Election Authority, St. Louis City Board of Elections** and the **St. Louis County Board of Elections** each assume no fiscal impact from this legislation.

**Oversight** notes that the above mentioned agencies have stated the proposal would not have a direct fiscal impact on their organization. Oversight does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u> | FY 2026<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2027           | FY 2028           |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   |                     |                   |                   |
|   | <b><u>\$0</u></b>   | <b><u>\$0</u></b> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> |
|   |                     |                   |                   |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u> | FY 2026<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2027           | FY 2028           |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   |                     |                   |                   |
|   | <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.

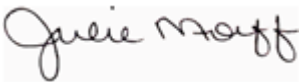
**FISCAL DESCRIPTION**

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

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  
Jackson County Election Board  
Platte County Board of Elections  
St. Charles County Election Authority  
St. Louis City Board of Elections  
St. Louis County Board of Elections



Julie Morff  
Director  
February 23, 2025



Jessica Harris  
Assistant Director  
February 23, 2025