

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1745H.04C
Bill No.: HCS for HB 793
Subject: Elections; Campaign Finance
Type: Original
Date: March 27, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions for foreign influence on ballot measures.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- 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.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State**, the **Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC)**, and the **Office of the State Public Defender** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

In response to similar legislation, SB 152 (2025), officials from the **Missouri Ethics Commission** stated the proposal does not have a fiscal impact. If a significant number of entities were to begin reporting such activity as outlined in 130.170 RSMo, additional analysts would be required to assist in providing filing assistance and review of reports filed with the commission. Also, if the Commission identifies significant violations during the process established in Section 105.955.14 (2), (3), RSMo or complaints received increase significantly, an Investigator would be required to provide the proper oversight.

Oversight notes §130.188.1. (1) states “The Missouri Ethics Commission may bring a civil action to enforce sections 130.170 to 130.188. The provisions of section 130.054 and 105.957 to 105.963 shall not apply to violations of sections 130.170 to 130.188.”

Upon further inquiry, the **MEC** assumes that provision removes their investigation ability. Therefore, they would be unable to take anything before the court. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

Officials from the **Attorney General’s Office (AGO)** assume any litigation costs arising from this proposal can be absorbed with existing resources. However, the AGO may seek additional appropriations if the proposal results in a significant increase in litigation or investigation.

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.

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** and the **Missouri Office of Prosecution Services** did not respond to **Oversight’s** request for fiscal impact for this proposal.

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

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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
Attorney General’s Office
Missouri Ethics Commission
Office of the State Public Defender



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