

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 2299H.01I  
Bill No.: HB 1005  
Subject: Elections; Ethics  
Type: Original  
Date: March 10, 2025

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Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to qualifications for public office.

**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 **Department of Revenue** and the **Missouri Ethics Commission** both assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Officials from the **Jackson County Election Board**, the **Kansas City Election Board**, the **Platte County Board of Elections**, and the **St. Louis County Board of Elections** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Officials from the **St. Louis City Board of Elections** state this legislation requires the election authority to make a determination that a candidate is not delinquent in any tax. Election authorities serve a clerical function (*Vowell v Kander*) and thus aren't configured to be arbiters of the merits of a candidate's qualifications. It is unclear what negative impact this legislation could have on their organization or whether they could legally comply with its demands.

**Oversight** assumes, currently candidates for public office are required to attest on their declaration of candidacy form, filed with their local election authority, a statement saying they are not delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, and real property taxes on their place of residence. This proposal appears to require that candidates for public office in the City of St. Louis must provide proof of the taxes paid or no-tax-due statements for each tax listed in addition to the attestation on the declaration of candidacy form.

**Oversight** notes that Section 115.306.2 (4) states that this subdivision shall only apply to a city not within a county's offices that perform county functions (City of St. Louis). Oversight assumes that any costs arising as a result of this proposal can be absorbed by City of St. Louis with current resources; therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact on the fiscal note.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other local political subdivisions were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the MOLIS database is available upon request.

### **Rule Promulgation**

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** 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 2026<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2027    | FY 2028    |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
|   |                     |            |            |
|   | <u>\$0</u>          | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
|   |                     |            |            |

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u> | FY 2026<br>(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  
Missouri Ethics Commission  
Department of Revenue  
Jackson County Board of Elections  
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Kansas City Election Board

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Director

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