COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4226H.02P
Bill No.: Perfected HB 2125
Subject: Secretary of State; Fees
Type: Original
Date: March 3, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal extends the sunset date on various fees collected by the Secretary of State.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Technology Trust Fund (1266)*	More or less than $1,592,604	More or less than $3,185,207	More or less than $3,185,207
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	**More or less than $1,592,604**	**More or less than $3,185,207**	**More or less than $3,185,207**

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on All Federal Funds	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Local Government	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

§§347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233 and 359.653 – Secretary of State Fees

Oversight notes several provisions of current law allow the Secretary of State (SOS) to collect a $5 fee for filings related to business organizations, commercial transactions, and trademarks. This proposal extends expiration dates on these provisions to December 31. 2031.

Upon further inquiry, **SOS** provided the following revenue collected and deposited into the Technology Trust Fund (1266).

Technology Trust Fund Collection of Fees

Year	**Revenue**
2021	$3,063,507
2022	$3,180,497
2023	$3,256,746
2024	$3,047,367
2025	$3,377,920
2026 (to date)	$1,797,123
Total	**$17,723,160**

Oversight notes based on the information provided from the SOS, the average collection of revenue from 2021-2025 is $3,185,207. Oversight assumes with the proposal extending the expiration date on the collection of these fees there will be a revenue gain to the Secretary of State's Technology Trust Fund. For fiscal note purposes, Oversight will reflect that gain as more or less than the average estimated.

§115.158 – Missouri Voter Registration System

Officials from the **Department of Revenue** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organization.

Oversight notes that the above-mentioned agency has 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.

Oversight notes current law requires the Secretary of State and the Director of the Department of Revenue to enter into an agreement to match information in the voter registration database with information in the motor vehicle system. This proposal requires the agreement to include information pertaining to the citizenship status of individuals in the department's database. Oversight does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this provision.

<u>§115.642 – Investigations and Subpoena Power</u>

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

Officials from **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization.

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

Oversight notes this proposal reinstates the Secretary of State's ability to conduct investigations and exercise subpoena power with respect to suspected election offenses, which expired on August 28, 2025. Oversight does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this provision.

<u>Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole</u>

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.

FISCAL IMPACT – State Government	FY 2027 (6 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND (1266)			
Revenue – SOS (Various Sections) Fee collection with extension of expiration dates p.3	More or less than $1,592,604	More or less than $3,185,207	More or less than $3,185,207
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON THE TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND	**More or less than $1,592,604**	**More or less than $3,185,207**	**More or less than $3,185,207**

FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	$0	**$0**	**$0**

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

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Several provisions of current law allow the Secretary of State to collect a $5 fee for filings related to business organizations, commercial transactions, and trademarks. This bill extends expiration dates on these provisions to December 31. 2031.

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

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