

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3219-01
Bill No.: Perfected SB 689
Subject: Campaign Finance; Missouri Ethics Commission; Lobbyist
Type: Original
Date: April 4, 2006

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of Attorney General** did not respond. **Oversight** assumes no fiscal impact to the Attorney General.

Officials of the **Missouri Ethics Commission** stated this proposal would have no fiscal impact to the Commission, however, officials state this proposal will generate approximately \$10,000 annually. The revenue would be generated from an annual lobbyist registration fee of \$10. Officials state that the revenue realized would be deposited in the State General Revenue Fund.

Officials of the **Office of State Court Administrator** stated this proposal would allow appeals of the Missouri Ethics Commission to the Cole County Circuit Court. Officials do not expect the number of appeals to be so great as to have a fiscal impact on the courts.

Officials of the **Missouri Ethics Commission** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact on the commission.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

In response to a similar proposal from the current session (SCS for SB 1254, LR # 5465-04), officials of the **Missouri Senate** and the **Missouri House of Representatives** assume no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Office of State Court Administrator** assume no fiscal impact to the Courts.

Officials of the **Office of the Attorney General** assume any fiscal impact could be absorbed with existing resources.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Income</u> to Mo. Ethics Commission from \$10 annual lobbyist registration fee	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	 FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	 FY 2008	 FY 2009
	<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.

DESCRIPTION

This act modifies provisions regarding lobbyist reporting requirements and campaign finance disclosure for public officials.

Reports of lobbyist activities are due no later than January 5th of each year or within five days after beginning activities as a lobbyist.

Certain candidates for elective office are required to file financial interest statements no later than March 31st or within 10 days of filing for office, whichever is later for the preceding calendar year. Candidates for election in April shall file such statements by January 31st for the preceding calendar year. Candidates nominated by political caucus shall file such statements within 10 days of nomination. The Missouri Ethics Commission shall be the filing officer in any case where no filing officer is designated for the filing of a financial interest statement. Any document postmarked by midnight of the day designated for filing shall be deemed as timely filed.

The Commission is required to provide notice, not actual notice, of certain actions to the subject of a complaint filed with the Commission. Notice requirements are also modified regarding the assessment of late fees by the Commission. Appeals of actions of the Commission may be appealed to the Circuit Court of Cole County, rather than the Administrative Hearing Commission.

Every committee which is required to file a statement of organization may exclude bank account numbers from the statement when the report is filed with an officer other than the Commission. All records of committee receipts and expenditures shall be available for inspection by the Commission, rather than the current campaign finance review board. Written reports are not required for any candidate whose officer for filing is the Commission if the report is filed electronically with the Commission.

The act reorganizes sections of law concerning reporting requirements for out-of-state committees and reporting requirements for candidates nominated by political party committees. Currently, continuing committees are required to file electronic reports if the committee makes contributions of more than \$15,000. This act changes the amount to \$5,000 and includes political party committees and campaign committees within this requirement.

The act provides that an individual who seeks nomination to a public office by nomination of a political party committee shall be subject to campaign finance disclosure requirements, with certain modifications relating to reporting dates. The act repeals a section of law that requires the Commission to print a summary of all laws over which the Commission has enforcement power.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

The proposal defines elected local government official lobbyist and requires lobbyists to report to the Ethics Commission the total of all expenditures made on behalf of all elected local government officials, their staffs and employees, and their spouses and children.

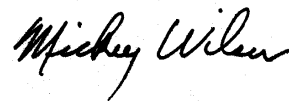
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator
Missouri Ethics Commission
Missouri House of Representatives
Missouri Senate

NOT RESPONDING

Office of Attorney General



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