

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 4517-06  
Bill No.: SCS for SB 809  
Subject: Boards, Commissions, Committees, Councils; Architects; Engineers; Licenses - Professional; Surveyors  
Type: Original  
Date: March 31, 2014

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions of law regarding licensing of architects, professional engineers, professional land surveyors, and professional landscape architects.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Board of Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects Fund	(\$7,500)	(\$7,500)	(\$7,500)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>(\$7,500)</b>	<b>(\$7,500)</b>	<b>(\$7,500)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</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 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration** assume that this legislation increases the per diem for board members on the Board of Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscaped Architects by \$25 for each day devoted to the affairs of the board. With the per diem increase, the board will incur increased personal services expenses. The board meets in person, for two days at minimum, four times per year or 8 working days per year. Prior to each board meeting, agendas and supporting documents are sent to each board member to review, which takes 10 hours on average per meeting. With four meetings a year, this equates to an additional 5 working days a year. They also send electronically, a weekly packet of board materials to the board members every Friday for their review taking one hour on average, 7 working days per year. The total number of working days per year calculated per board members is 20 days. There are 15 members currently serving on the Board of Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscaped Architects. This will increase the board costs by \$7,500, annually (15 Members X 20 Days X \$25).

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** state that the department's Missouri Geological Survey assume Section 327.272.3 would give professional land surveyors responsible charge of all surveys, maps, drawings, and other work products that can affect public health, safety, and welfare. The interpretation of this language is critical to understanding the fiscal impact this bill could impose. If it is interpreted as giving professional land surveyors sole responsible charge of all surveys, maps, drawings, and other work products created by anyone, the fiscal impact could be large. Any surveys, maps or drawings that are developed for any reason would require a professional land surveyor review. It is difficult to determine how far reaching the implications of such an interpretation might be. Additionally, the ambiguity of interpreting what "other work products" entails contributes to difficulty in estimating fiscal impact.

If this section is interpreted to mean that professional land surveyors are in responsible charge of only surveys, maps, drawings, and other work products that they create, we would expect no fiscal impact.

**Oversight** assumes that the scope of practice of professional land surveyors would not include DNR work products.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FUND</b>			
<u>Costs</u> - Per Diem Increase for Board Members	<u>(\$7,500)</u>	<u>(\$7,500)</u>	<u>(\$7,500)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$7,500)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$7,500)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$7,500)</u></b>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2015 (10 Mo.)	FY 2016	FY 2017
	<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.

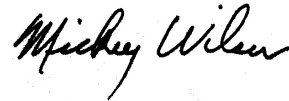
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal modifies various provisions of law regarding licensing of architects, professional engineers, professional land surveyors, and professional landscape architects.

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

Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration  
Department of Natural Resources



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