

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4171S.03C
Bill No.: SCS for SB 1094
Subject: Elections; Newspapers and Publications
Type: Original
Date: March 27, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to elections.

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
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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> 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

§§108.240 and 115.127 - Elections

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State, Platte County Board of Elections, and St. Louis County Board of Elections** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

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 **St. Louis City Board of Elections** state this proposal would have a positive fiscal impact. It would eliminate publication costs, as election notice cards are already mailed six weeks in advance of an election. Publication costs vary per election and size of notice required.

Officials from the **Johnson County Clerk** state this proposal would have no fiscal impact. The expansion of time to run the notices will be beneficial for counties that have limited newspaper options.

In response to a previous version, officials from the **Laclede County Clerk** stated the proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Oversight notes in lieu of publishing notice of an election in a newspaper, election authorities have the option of mailing legal notice to each registered voter within 6 weeks of an election. Oversight assumes there could be a potential savings to local election authorities based on the above response from the St. Louis City Board of Elections but assume the impact would be minimal and will not reflect in the fiscal note.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other Clerks and Local Election Authorities were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. Upon the receipt of additional responses, Oversight will review to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek the necessary approval to publish a new fiscal note. A general listing of political subdivisions included in our database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2027 (10 Mo.)	FY 2028	FY 2029
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact on 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
 Platte County Board of Elections
 St. Louis City Board of Elections
 St. Louis County Board of Elections
 Laclede County Clerk
 Johnson County Clerk



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