

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5434S.04P  
 Bill No.: Perfected SS for SCS for SB Nos. 977 & 1011  
 Subject: Administrative Law; Civil Procedure; Contracts and Contractors; Courts; Religion  
 Type: Original  
 Date: April 1, 2026

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Bill Summary: This proposal establishes application of foreign law.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Revenue*	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or (Unknown)</b>

\*OSCA potential unknown increase in court costs less than \$250,000 annually.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<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.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<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.

**ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS**

FUND AFFECTED	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §1.037 – Sovereign Authority of the State of Missouri as amended by Senate Amendment #1

Officials from the **Department of Social Services** assume this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for this agency.

#### §§506.602 and 508.074 – No Foreign Laws Act

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** state this proposal may have some impact but there is no way to quantify that amount currently. Any significant changes will be reflected in future budget requests.

**Oversight** notes OSCA assumes this proposal may have some impact on their organization although it can't be quantified at this time. As OSCA is unable to provide additional information regarding the potential impact, Oversight assumes the proposed legislation will have a \$0 or (Unknown) cost to the General Revenue Fund. For fiscal note purposes, Oversight also assumes the impact will be under \$250,000 annually. If this assumption is incorrect, this would alter the fiscal impact as presented in this fiscal note. If additional information is received, Oversight will review it to determine if an updated fiscal note should be prepared and seek approval to publish a new fiscal note.

In response to a previous version, SB 977 (2026), officials from the **Office of Attorney General (AGO)** assumed 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.

**Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight assumes the AGO will be able to perform any additional duties required by this proposal with current staff and resources and will reflect no fiscal impact to the AGO for fiscal note purposes.

#### Bill as a whole

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety – Director's Office, Missouri Highway Patrol, Missouri Department of Transportation, City of Kansas City, Phelps County Sheriff, Branson Police Department, Kansas City Police Department, Eastern Clay Ambulance District, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, Wayne County PWSD #2, and South River Drainage District** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

In response to a previous version, SCS SBs 977 & 1011 (2026), officials from the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Revenue, Office of the Governor, Missouri Department of Conservation, Office of Administration, Office of the Secretary of State, University of Missouri System, St. Louis County Police Department, Northwest Missouri State University** and the **University of Central Missouri** each assumed the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other cities, various county officials, nursing homes, local law enforcement agencies, fire protection districts, ambulance and EMS, schools and charter schools, utilities, hospitals, colleges and universities and electric companies and coops 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
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost – OSCA (§§506.602 and 508.074)</u> Potential increase in court costs p.3	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b>\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u></b>	<b>\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u></b>

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

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

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

## FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act provides that certain international organizations or bodies, such as the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the World Economic Forum, shall have no jurisdiction or power within the state of Missouri. No rule, regulation, policy, or mandate of any kind from such organizations shall be enforced or implemented by any state or local public body. However, international organizations or bodies shall not include the Hauge Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) and nothing in this act shall prohibit the Department of Social Services from enforcing or implementing any provision of any convention, protocol, or instrument issued by the HCCH.

This act establishes the "No Foreign Laws Act" which prohibits the application and enforceability of any foreign law that denies the parties the fundamental liberties, rights, and privileges guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Missouri. Additionally, the act provides that no court shall enforce or apply:

- (1) A judgment, decree, or arbitration decision if it relies on any foreign law that violates the fundamental rights of any party;
- (2) A contract or contractual provision choosing foreign law which would result in a violation of fundamental rights; or
- (3) In certain family law matters, foreign law if inconsistent with fundamental rights or public policy.

This act shall not be construed to disapprove or abrogate existing precedent of the Supreme Court of Missouri, to limit adjudication of ecclesiastical matters of a religious organization, to apply to those corporations, partnerships, or associations that voluntarily subject themselves to foreign law or foreign courts, and apply where federal law preempts state law.

Additionally, this act provides that no state court, arbitration panel, tribunal, or administrative agency shall transfer any civil action if the transfer would result in the application of foreign law prohibited by this act.

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

Attorney General's Office  
Office of Administration - Administrative Hearing Commission  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations  
Department of Revenue  
Department of Public Safety –  
    Director's Office  
    Missouri Highway Patrol

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