

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5434S.04T
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed SS for SCS for SB Nos. 977 & 1011
Subject: Administrative Law; Civil Procedure; Contracts and Contractors; Courts; Religion
Type: Original
Date: June 26, 2026

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to 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)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)	\$0 or (Unknown)

*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
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

§§1.037, 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.

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.

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.

Responses regarding the proposed legislation as a whole

Officials from the **Eastern Clay County Ambulance District** indicated this proposal would have an impact on their organization. However, the Ambulance District did not provide any details regarding the impact. Therefore, **Oversight** assumes any impact will be negligible and will present no fiscal impact for this organization for fiscal note purposes.

Officials from the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Department of Revenue, Department of Public Safety (Director's Office and Missouri Highway Patrol), Department of Social Services, Office of the Governor, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Transportation, Office of Administration, University of Missouri System, Phelps County Sheriff, Branson Police Department, Kansas City Police Department, St. Louis County Police Department, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, Wayne County PWS #2, South River Drainage District, Northwest Missouri State University, and the University of Central Missouri** 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.

Rule Promulgation

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.

Oversight only reflects the responses that we have received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, 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
GENERAL REVENUE			
<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>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</u>	\$0 or <u>(Unknown)</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

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
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Department of Revenue
Department of Public Safety
 Director's Office
 Missouri Highway Patrol
Department of Social Services
Missouri Department of Conservation
Office of the Governor
Missouri Department of Transportation
Office of Administration
Office of the State Courts Administrator
Office of the Secretary of State
University of Missouri System
Phelps County Sheriff
Branson Police Department
Kansas City Police Department
St. Louis County Police Department
Eastern Clay Ambulance District
Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
South River Drainage District
Northwest Missouri State University
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