

**MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE
FISCAL NOTE (08-45)**

Subject

Initiative petition from Ed Martin regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to Article IV, Section 17. (Received December 2, 2008)

Date

December 22, 2008

Description

This proposal would amend Article IV, Section 17 of the Missouri Constitution.

The proposal is to be voted on in November, 2010.

Public comments and other input

The State Auditor's Office requested input from the **Attorney General's Office**, the **Department of Agriculture**, the **Department of Economic Development**, the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**, the **Department of Higher Education**, the **Department of Health and Senior Services**, the **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration**, the **Department of Mental Health**, the **Department of Natural Resources**, the **Department of Corrections**, the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations**, the **Department of Revenue**, the **Department of Public Safety**, the **Department of Social Services**, the **Governor's Office/Office of Administration**, the **Missouri House of Representatives**, the **Department of Conservation**, the **Office of State Courts Administrator**, the **Department of Transportation**, the **Missouri Senate**, the **Secretary of State's Office**, the **Office of the State Public Defender**, the **State Treasurer's Office**, **Boone County**, **Clay County**, **Jasper County**, **St. Charles County**, the **City of Jefferson**, the **City of Kansas City**, the **City of Kirksville**, the **City of St. Louis**, the **City of Springfield**, **Cape Girardeau 63 School District**, **Hannibal School District #60**, **Rockwood R-VI School District**, **Linn State Technical College**, **Metropolitan Community College**, the **University of Missouri**, and **St. Louis Community College**.

Assumptions

Officials from the **Attorney General's Office** indicated the proposal creates no fiscal impact for their office.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development** indicated no impact from the proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education** indicated no direct, foreseeable impact on their department.

The **Department of Health and Senior Services** indicated no impact as a result of this initiative petition.

The **Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration** indicated this proposal, if passed, will have no cost or savings to the department.

The **Department of Mental Health** stated the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their department.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** indicated they would not anticipate a direct fiscal impact from this proposal.

The **Department of Corrections** indicated no impact on their agency.

The **Department of Revenue** indicated the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their department.

The **Department of Public Safety** indicated there is no fiscal impact on their department.

The **Department of Social Services** indicated there is no fiscal impact on their department.

Officials from the **Governor's Office/Office of Administration** indicated this proposal will have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Missouri House of Representatives** indicated no fiscal impact to the operations budget of their agency.

The **Department of Conservation** indicated no fiscal impact is expected to their agency as a result of this proposal.

The **Office of State Courts Administrator** indicated this proposal should not have a fiscal impact on the judiciary.

The **Department of Transportation** indicated this petition will have no fiscal impact on their department.

Officials from the **Secretary of State's Office** indicated their office is required to pay for publishing in local newspapers the full text of each statewide ballot measure as directed by Article XII, Section 2(b) of the Missouri Constitution and Section 116.230-116.290, RSMo. The Secretary of State's office is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. Funding for this item is adjusted each year depending upon the election cycle with \$1.6 million historically appropriated in even numbered fiscal years and \$100,000 appropriated in odd numbered fiscal years to meet these requirements. The appropriation has historically been an estimated appropriation because the final cost is dependent upon the number of ballot measures approved by the General Assembly and the initiative petitions certified for the ballot. In FY 2009, at the August and November elections, there were 5 statewide Constitutional Amendments or ballot propositions that cost \$1.36 million to publish (an average of \$272,000 per issue). Therefore, the Secretary of State's office assumes, for the purposes of this fiscal note, that it should have the full appropriation authority it needs to meet the publishing requirements.

Officials from the **Office of the State Public Defender** indicated this proposal will not have any significant impact on their office.

Officials from the **City of Jefferson** indicated they do not anticipate any fiscal impact should this petition become law.

Officials from **Hannibal School District #60** indicated they are unable to determine if this petition will result in any cost savings or cost increases.

Officials from the **Rockwood R-VI School District** indicated this proposal will not have a fiscal impact on Rockwood or other school districts.

Officials from **Linn State Technical College** indicated this petition appears to have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from **Metropolitan Community College** indicated this petition would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

The State Auditor's Office did not receive a response from the **Department of Agriculture**, the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**, the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations**, the **Missouri Senate**, the **State Treasurer's Office**, **Boone County**, **Clay County**, **Jasper County**, **St. Charles County**, the **City of Kansas City**, the **City of Kirksville**, the **City of St. Louis**, the **City of Springfield**, **Cape Girardeau 63 School District**, the **University of Missouri**, **St. Louis Community College**.

Fiscal Note Summary

It is estimated this proposal will have no costs or savings to state or local governmental entities.