

GOVERNMENT UNION REFORM – SENATE BILL 210

FISCAL NOTE FAILURE

- *Inaccurate assumptions*
- *Ignores electronic voting*
- *Zero cost to taxpayers*

Under current state law, government union workers are not given the chance to regularly elect their union. As a result, many government workers are represented by a union they did not have a voice in electing. Senate Bill 210 would give government union members the opportunity to vote for their union every two years, allowing members to hold their unions accountable. As shown below, the legislation allows workers this important opportunity at no cost to taxpayers.

Opponents to Reform Make False Claims About Cost of Elections

- Past fiscal notes incorrectly assumed all elections will be conducted using in-person voting, even though the legislation allows for telephone or online voting.
- By simply embracing technology and using either telephone or Internet-based voting, the State Board of Mediation can avoid thousands or even millions of dollars in costs, and Missouri's hardworking government employees can have a voice in choosing the union that best represents their interests.

Electronic Voting is Not a New Concept

- In 2011, Wisconsin implemented similar elections at no cost to the state or to taxpayers using election services offered by the American Arbitration Association. Voters participate by telephone at a cost of **\$1.50 per voter**. [Wright, John, "The Low Cost of Labor Reform," The Show-Me Institute (2015).]
- Other voting services, such as **EventIQ**, offer online elections for as low as **\$0.09 per voter**. [www.eventiq.com]
- EventIQ's clients include such institutions as Yale University, Harvard University and the University of Maryland, as well as numerous associations across the country.
- Another company, **Simply Voting**, offers telephone and online elections to over 1000 associations, unions, municipalities and corporations at similar rates based on the number of voters. [www.simplyvoting.com]
- See reverse side for other election services and their clients.

How to Cover the Minimal Cost of Electronic Voting

- By requiring a modest filing fee based on union membership for each union that chooses to participate, the elections required by SB 210 can occur at no cost to taxpayers.

COMPANIES PROVIDING LOW-COST ELECTION SERVICES

Election Trust

<http://www.electiontrust.com>

Clients include:

American Academy of Family Physicians
General Federation of Womens Clubs
Greenwich Association of REALTORS®
Washington Emergency Nurses
Association
American Federation of State, County &
Municipal Employees
Int'l Alliance of Theatrical Stage
Employees
Int'l Association of Machinists
Service Employees Int'l Union
Int'l Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron
Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers, and
Helpers
Columbia, Douglas, Island and San Juan
Counties (WA)
Housing Authority / City of Los Angeles
(CA)
King Conservation District (WA)
Maryland Board of Dental Examiners (MD)
Riverton City (UT)

Scytl

<http://www.scytl.com/en>

Clients include:

National Foundation for Women
Legislators
Department of Defense
State of Alaska
State of Arkansas
Commonwealth of Kentucky
State of Arizona
Washington D.C.
State of Mississippi
State of Virginia
State of West Virginia
State of Florida
State of New York

Everyone Counts

<http://www.everyonecounts.com>

Clients include:

State of New Jersey
Chicago Board of Election
Commissioners
Cook County, IL
Denver, CO
Oregon's Accessible Voting Pilot Project
Franklin County, WA

Election America

<http://election-america.com>

Clients include:

Professional associations
Financial institutions
Faith-based and charitable organizations
Pension systems
Alumni associations
Homeowners associations
Labor unions

VR Election Services

<https://www.vres.us>

Clients include:

Teacher's Retirement Systems
State and Public Pension Systems
College Alumni Association
Associations
Labor Unions
Credit Unions
Cooperatives
State Bars

Others:

<http://votingplace.net/>

<https://www.verifiedvoting.org/resources/internet-voting/>

<https://www.polyas.com/>

<http://www.balloteer.com/>

<http://www.igloovote.com/>

<http://www.smartmatic.com/>

<https://voting4schools.com/>

<https://www.bigpulse.com/elections>

<http://www.votehoanow.com/>

