

January 20, 2026

The Honorable Pat Proctor, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Proctor:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2452 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2452 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2452 would change the timing of municipality elections for cities, school districts, community colleges, and certain other municipalities to only occur in even-numbered years. The bill would define “municipalities” as any city, consolidated city-county school district, any board of public utilities, community college, drainage district, extension district, irrigation district, improvement district, water district, and hospital district.

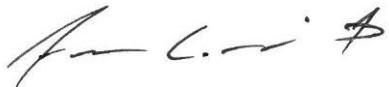
On or after January 1, 2028, all primary elections for elected officials of any municipality would be held on the first Tuesday in August 2028 and on such date thereafter in even-numbered years. All general elections for elected officials of any municipality would be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 2028 and on such date thereafter in even-numbered years. The bill would also require terms of office to be either two or four years. The bill would also provide for a transition period for officials elected in 2027. The bill would take effect on January 1, 2028, and upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Secretary of the State has indicated that it is contacting all 105 counties to survey the fiscal effect passage of HB 2452 would have on counties. Due to the expedited turnaround for hearing of the bill, the agency is unable to complete a fiscal note for the bill prior to the hearing. The Division of the Budget will update the fiscal note for the bill when the Secretary of State provides a definitive fiscal effect estimate. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2452 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor’s Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates passage of HB 2452 could have a fiscal effect on counties if the elections were only conducted in even-numbered years. Counties could experience savings in costs from not conducting elections in odd-numbered years; however, this could be offset if special elections occurred in those years. Under current law, special elections may be conducted in any year or on the same day as a general or primary election. Under HB 2452, a special election that is conducted the same day as a general or primary election would occur in an even-numbered year. There may need to be additional coordination around timing of special elections that occur in an even-numbered year. Additionally, special elections which occur in even-numbered years may require longer ballots which would require additional costs for configuring or upgrading ballot machines to read the longer ballots.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates HB 2452 could also have a fiscal effect on cities since the bill would require a municipality to establish that terms of office of elected officials be either two years or four years. However, the League is unable to estimate a precise fiscal effect of the bill on cities.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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