

March 2, 2025

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 231 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

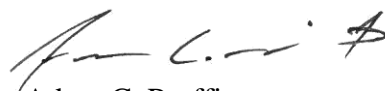
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 231 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 231 would amend the requirements for soliciting registered voters to submit advance voting ballot applications. The bill would reduce the font size of the name of the person or organization sending the solicitation from 14-point to 10-point or larger. Currently, the official application in the solicitation is provided by the Secretary of State. The bill would also allow the official application to be provided by the county election office and the date of the election could also be printed on the application. Currently, the application includes an envelope addressed to the appropriate county election office. Under SB 231, the application would instead include information on how to mail the application to the appropriate county election office.

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to provide training and update manuals for county election officials; update the agency's website; and update public documents and information. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 231 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates SB 231 could have a fiscal effect on counties if applications received by the county election offices are incomplete or unreadable, which would require additional staff time to assist voters in completing their applications. However, the Association is unable to estimate a precise fiscal effect of the bill.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
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