

January 22, 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 4 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

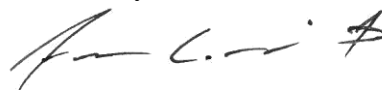
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 4 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current election law, the deadline for receipt of advance voting ballots in county election offices is the last delivery of mail by the United States post office on the third day following the day of election. SB 4 would change the deadline to 7:00 pm on the day of the election. Under the bill's provisions, county election offices would no longer receive advance voting ballots received by mail after the closing of the polls or postmarked or mailed on or before the close of polls on the day of an election.

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to update training materials for local election officials and update educational and promotional materials for the public with the new deadline. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 4 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates SB 4 could increase the number of potentially invalidated ballots that arrive late via mail, which could increase costs for counties if there are disputes or questions that the counties would have to process. However, the Association is unable to estimate the fiscal effect on the counties.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State
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