

February 14, 2012

The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 561-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwab:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2722 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2722 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2722 would require the Office of the Secretary of State to develop a standardized, statewide, comprehensive training program on all statutes and rules and regulations for election workers, poll workers, and other persons involved in an election and who are expected to implement and enforce voter registration laws. The bill would require the program to be in place before the August 7, 2012, primary election and include an objective means of testing and evaluating each trainee's knowledge of the statutes, rules and regulations, and policies and procedures. Trainees who do not demonstrate a sufficient understanding of the statutes, rules and regulations, and policies and procedures would be required to be retrained prior to assuming duties or be removed from the position. All training materials, test results, and evaluations would be subject to the Kansas Open Records Act and available for examination prior to any election. HB 2722 would take effect after its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	\$328,000	\$328,000	\$81,000	\$81,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Office of the Secretary of State estimates that HB 2722 would increase its expenditures from the State General Fund by \$328,000 in FY 2012 and \$81,000 in each subsequent year. The FY 2012 estimate includes \$300,000 for the development and deployment of three training modules, \$20,000 for one part-time employee, \$5,000 for contractual fees, and

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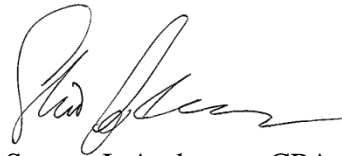
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\$3,000 for printing training materials. The estimate for FY 2013 and beyond includes the costs to maintain one part-time employee and other ongoing costs.

The election workers who would be required to participate in this program include county election officers and staff, county commissioners (constituting the county board of canvassers), county attorneys, and county counselors of all 105 counties. Under HB 2722, poll workers of approximately 10,000 polling places statewide would be required to participate in the program. In addition, other voter registration officials who would be required to participate include the Division of Motor Vehicles and its local offices, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and its local offices, all Medicaid offices in Kansas, first and second class city clerk offices, the Department of Health and Environment—Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program and its local offices, deputized voter registration outposts in Kansas, and county and district attorneys.

The Secretary of State indicates that these local governments and state offices would incur costs in the form of time and salaries for employees participating in the training program and that they could incur costs for recruiting, hiring, and training new employees if some fail the proficiency tests and are removed from their positions. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2722 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office