

March 1, 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 2739 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2739 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2739 would move all nonpartisan, municipal elections for local governing bodies currently conducted in February and April of odd-numbered years to coincide with the elections for partisan offices conducted in August and November of even-numbered years. The bill provides that primary elections for any municipality would only be held when there are three or more candidates for an elected position. The bill would allow any city to adopt one of the following forms of government: commission; mayor-council; commission-manager; mayor-council-manager; council-manager; or any other form of government authorized by law, ordinance, or charter ordinance. However, the bill would repeal the "city-manager plan" of government. The bill would allow all existing ordinances and charter ordinances relating to a city's form of government, except those provisions relating to the timing of city primary and general elections, to remain in effect until amended or repealed by the city. HB 2739 would take effect upon its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Secretary of State indicates that HB 2739 would increase expenditures from the federal HAVA (Help America Vote Act of 2002) Fund by \$10,000 in FY 2012 to reprogram the statewide voter registration database. The Secretary of State estimates savings to county election offices in spring of odd-numbered years of \$1,336,890, which includes \$33,250 for polling place rental; \$800,000 for poll worker salaries; \$360,000 to program voting machines; and \$143,640 for ballot printing. The Secretary of State estimates an increase in expenditures for county election offices in the fall of odd-numbered years totaling \$1,302,000, which includes \$547,200 for printing costs during the general election; \$364,800 for printing costs during the primary

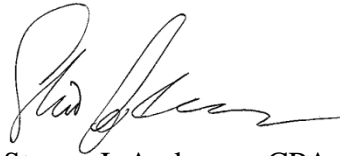
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election; \$150,000 to program voting machines; and \$240,000 for poll worker salaries. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2739 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics
Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office
Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties
Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities