

May 4, 2012

The Honorable Michael O'Neal, Chairperson  
House Committee on Redistricting  
Statehouse, Room 370-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative O'Neal:

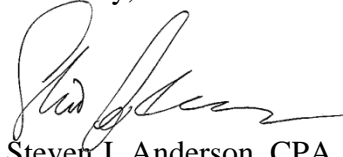
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2794 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2794 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2794 would redraw district lines for the 125 Kansas House of Representatives seats based on the United States 2010 decennial census as required every ten years under the *Kansas Constitution*. The bill would provide that if a county, voting district, tract, block group, or block is not included within a representative district, then it would be attached to the representative district to which it is contiguous and, if contiguous to more than one representative district, it would be attached to the contiguous representative district that has the least total population. In addition, if a county, voting district, tract, block group, or block is included in two or more representative districts, then it would be attached to and become a part of the representative district that has the least total population. The provisions of HB 2794 would not affect the term of any representative elected to represent a district at the general election of 2010 or the term of any successor elected to succeed the representative for an unexpired term. The bill provides that these representatives would continue to serve the districts from which elected until the representatives elected from the representative districts established by this act commence their terms of office in January of 2013.

The Office of the Secretary of State and the League of Kansas Municipalities indicate that any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of HB 2794 would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources since the agency and county election offices have been planning for the changes. However, the Office indicates that late passage of the bill would disrupt the planning process and increase costs.

Sincerely,



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cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office  
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