

February 10, 2011

The Honorable Terrie Huntington, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections
Statehouse, Room 235-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Huntington:

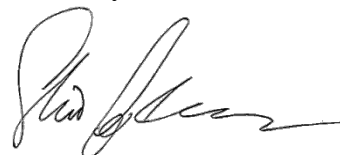
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 103 by Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 103 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 103 would allow military and overseas voters who qualify to vote under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act to vote a full and complete ballot as other Kansas voters; to receive voting information; to apply for ballots; to return the voted ballots by email or other electronic means; and to vote a federal write-in ballot. The Secretary of State indicates that the provisions of SB 103 are designed to comply with the MOVE Act. The bill would make a person's application for a federal services absentee ballot valid from the date of application through the end of the calendar year. Eligible voters would be allowed to vote for all officers and on any proposition or question.

The Secretary of State indicates that SB 103 would increase costs to administer elections, but the amount is unknown. The Secretary of State indicates that the fiscal effect depends on the actions of the federal agencies involved, the number of UOCAVA voters, and the programming costs of the current vendor for the voter registration database. Should counties realize increased costs as a result of the bill, the Secretary of State indicates that it may cover these costs using existing funds from the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Sincerely,



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cc: Christy Myers, Secretary of State's Office