

January 25, 2013

The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwab:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2038 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2038 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

The 2011 Legislature passed the Secure and Fair Elections Act (SAFE), which includes three major components: (1) beginning January 1, 2012, each voter is required to show photographic identification when voting in any official election in Kansas, with certain specific exceptions; (2) beginning January 1, 2013, each person registering to vote for the first time in Kansas is required to provide proof of United States citizenship during the registration process; and (3) beginning January 1, 2012, new procedures were in place to enhance the security of the ballot for each person voting an advance ballot by mail.

HB 2038 would repeal the provisions which require persons registering to vote for the first time in Kansas to provide proof of United States citizenship. The bill would also repeal provisions that require the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to provide a free birth certificate to any person who signs an affidavit swearing that he or she intends to register to vote, but lacks any of the acceptable documentation that proves United States citizenship.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds	FY 2014 SGF	FY 2014 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	\$1,875
Expenditure	--	--	--	--
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Office of the Secretary of State and the Department of Revenue indicate that any fiscal effect associated with the passage of HB 2038 would be negligible and could be absorbed

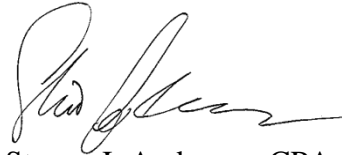
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within existing resources. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment estimates that the provision to eliminate the issuance of free birth certificates would increase its fee fund revenue by \$1,875 in FY 2014. The Department bases its estimate on the issuance of 125 free birth certificates during calendar year 2012 that would be issued for \$15 each upon passage of the bill ($125 \times \$15 = \$1,875$). Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2038 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 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: Rachel Sciolaro, Secretary of State's Office