

February 5, 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 2130 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2130 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2130 would remove the requirement that a petition circulator be a resident of the State of Kansas, allowing petition drive organizers to bring in residents from other states to assist in circulating petitions for various political purposes. The bill would also remove the requirement that a petition circulator possess the qualifications of an elector in the State of Kansas. A "petition circulator" is defined in the bill as a person who is a United States resident, is at least 18 years of age, and has not been convicted of a felony. Further, all petition circulators would be required to submit to the jurisdiction of the state, including agencies, political subdivisions, and election officials for subpoena enforcement regarding the integrity of the petition process.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of HB 2130 would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Rachel Sciolaro, Secretary of State's Office