

February 27, 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 2226 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2226 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2226 would make municipal elections for extension districts, cities, boards of public utilities, water districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, unified school districts, and community colleges partisan rather than nonpartisan.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that the costs associated with training county election offices, which would be necessitated with the passage of HB 2226, could be absorbed within existing resources. However, the Office indicates it is uncertain how to interpret the bill regarding ballot format and, therefore, cannot provide a precise fiscal effect for county election offices. The Office estimates that ballot costs for county election offices would decrease by \$240,000 in FY 2014 if counties are required to produce separate ballots for Democratic and Republican parties. However, if counties are required to produce a single, bipartisan ballot with all candidates listed for each office with the candidate's respective party label, statewide primary costs would be approximately the same. The Office indicates that the costs borne by county election offices to train poll workers could be absorbed within the counties' existing resources.

Sincerely,



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