

February 21, 2014

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

Dear Representative Schwab:

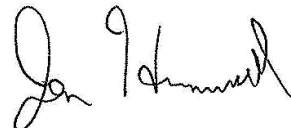
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2594 by Representative Edwards

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2594 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2594 would amend existing law to create a residency requirement of two years for state legislators, elected or appointed city officers; county clerks; school district board members; and representatives of a college or community college member district. Nomination petitions and other filing forms would be revised to allow entry of the address and length of residence of a candidate or person intending to become a candidate, and county election officers would be required to check those forms to determine that the candidates fulfill the new residency requirement. The Kansas Secretary of State would be required to verify that a candidate for state office meets the residency requirements. Failure to meet a residency requirement would be grounds for a contested election.

The Secretary of State indicates that it could manage the requirements of HB 2594 within existing resources. The League of Kansas Municipalities and Kansas Association of Counties indicate that any costs associated with passage of HB 2594 would be related to updating forms and ordinances and would be expected to have a negligible fiscal effect on the cities and counties of Kansas.

Sincerely,



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Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Larry Baer, League of Municipalities
Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties
Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office