

January 16, 2014

The Honorable Mitch Holmes, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections
Statehouse, Room 237-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Holmes:

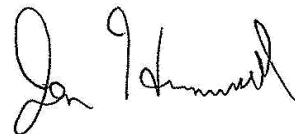
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 253 by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 253 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

The 2011 Legislature enacted the Safe and Fair Elections (SAFE) Act which, among other provisions, requires persons registering to vote for the first time in Kansas to submit documentation proving United States citizenship. SB 253 would create the Kansas Protection Against Voter Suppression Act which would alter the SAFE Act by allowing voter registration applicants to submit an affidavit, in lieu of a citizenship document, swearing that they meet the requirements for voter registration in Kansas. The bill would make signing a false affidavit the crime of perjury, a level 9 nonperson felony.

The Office of the Secretary of State estimates that any fiscal effect borne by its office or county election offices associated with building the affidavit, training employees, and adopting new procedures, as would be required with the enactment of SB 253, could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office