

January 29, 2013

The Honorable Dennis Pyle, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Statehouse, Room 234-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pyle:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 64 by Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 64 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 64 would require registered voters wishing to establish a party affiliation or change their party affiliation to do so by the voter registration deadline 21 days before an election. Under current law, registered voters have until 14 days before an election to make these changes. The bill would also prohibit registered voters from changing voter or party affiliation more than once within a 90 day period.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that SB 64 would have no fiscal effect on its operation, but would produce savings for local governments since county election offices would have fewer party affiliation changes to administer in the voter registration database. However, the Office estimates that the savings realized by county election offices would be negligible.

Sincerely,



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cc: Rachel Sciolaro, Secretary of State's Office