

February 13, 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 97 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 97 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 97 would allow Logan County to conduct at-large elections to elect its county commissioners rather than district elections if approved under a countywide vote.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that the costs associated with conducting a countywide vote under SB 97 would increase expenditures for Logan County. The Office indicates that the costs would be higher if a special election is held and lower if the question is placed on the ballot at a regularly scheduled election. However, the Office is unable to provide an estimate without knowing if the commissioners will adopt the resolution; and if a special election would be held or the question would be placed on the ballot at a regularly scheduled election. A request to provide fiscal effect information has been sent to the Kansas Association of Counties, but a response has not yet been received. A revised fiscal note will be submitted if specific information is provided.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Courtney Canfield, Secretary of State's Office
Melissa Wangemann, KAC