

OFFICE OF THE KANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

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FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS IN 2015

RESOLUTION	WORDS	BALLOT**		TOTAL	*+PROPOSED DATE OF ELECTION	FY EXPENSE	FISCAL INFO ADDED
		PUBLISHING (STATE COST)	PROGRAMMING (COUNTY COST)				

2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

HCR 5003	142	\$ 17,799.56	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 93,799.56	Nov 2016 General	FY 17	01.20.2015
HCR 5004	2,044	\$ 256,213.36	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 376,213.36	Aug 2016 Primary	FY 17	01.21.2015
HCR 5005	3,305	\$ 414,278.45	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 490,278.45	Nov 2016 General	FY 17	01.21.2015
HCR 5006	3,200	\$ 401,116.80	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 521,116.80	Aug 2016 Primary	FY 17	01.21.2015
HCR 5007	927	\$ 116,198.52	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 192,198.52	Nov 2016 General	FY 17	01.23.2015
HCR 5008	238	\$ 29,833.06	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 105,833.06	Nov 2016 General	FY 17	01.23.2015

TOTALS		\$ 1,235,439.74	\$ 544,000.00	\$ 1,779,439.74			
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*Date of election unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature.

+ Kansas law allows up to five constitutional amendment questions per election

**** County Election Offices' Ballot Programming Expenses**

Countries incur the following two types of expenses: (1) Programming of audio ballots on electronic voting machines. Audio ballots are required for visually impaired voters since passage of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. (2) Programming of ballot scanning and vote tabulation software.

**** Counties Paper Ballot Printing Expenses**

Because ballots are already prepared for the other offices and questions, there is usually no additional printing expense for counties to add a constitutional amendment question to the ballots. Additional expenses are incurred, however, if the amendment causes the ballot to extend to an additional page. This possible expense has not been provided to the Legislature by the Secretary of State in recent years' estimates because it is impossible to anticipate when and where it will occur. This is affected by the following factors:

**** Factors Causing Additional Paper Ballot Printing Expenses Due to Length of Ballot**

These factors vary from county to county and from year to year. (1) The number of offices on a given county's ballot. (2) The number of candidates who file. (3) The number of local questions submitted. (4) The number of words in the constitutional amendment(s) or local question(s). (5) Whether the amendment is added to the August primary ballot. (This requires the printing of a separate question-only ballot for non-Democratic and -Republican voters.)