

March 10, 2015

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The Honorable Mark Kahrs, Chairperson  
House Committee on Elections  
Statehouse, Room 286-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kahrs:

**SUBJECT:** Revised Fiscal Note for HB 2145 by Representative Ward

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following revised fiscal note concerning HB 2145 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a person can register to vote in Kansas by submitting certain documentation proving United States citizenship. HB 2145 would allow a person applying for voter registration to sign an affidavit swearing that he or she is a United States citizen in lieu of submitting documentation. The bill would make signing a false affidavit the crime of perjury which is a severity level nine, nonperson felony. HB 2145 also includes one technical amendment.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that HB 2145 would increase its costs related to training personnel in county election offices and updating training programs and materials in FY 2016. However, it is unable to estimate the precise amount of the fiscal effect on training costs. County election offices and other state agencies that conduct voter registration would incur no additional costs because affidavits submitted in lieu of documentation would be processed following current practice.

Since the original fiscal effect statement was issued, the Office of Judicial Administration has provided information on the fiscal effect of this bill. Because HB 2145 would expand the definition of perjury, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates it could increase expenditures by the Judicial Branch from the filings of additional criminal cases. The bill could also increase revenues from docket fees and fines. However, until the courts have had an

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opportunity to operate with the provisions of HB 2145 in place, an accurate estimate of its effect on expenditures and revenues for the Judicial Branch cannot be provided.

Sincerely,

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Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary  
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