

February 16, 2015

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

Dear Representative Kahrs:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2210 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2210 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires vacancies created by an increase in the number of county commissioner districts in a county to be filled by appointment of the Governor within 30 days of the creation of the new districts. HB 2210 would require that the vacancies be filled by a special election called by a resolution passed by the board of county commissioners. The election must be held within 45 days of the passage of the resolution, and candidates for the offices would file in the same way as candidates for all other county offices. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each district would serve until a successor was elected in the next general election.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, passage of HB 2210 would have a fiscal effect on counties that experience an increase in the number of county commissioner districts, as the districts would have to pay for the cost of the special election. The Association expects such elections will rarely be held, however, so the fiscal effect would be limited.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties