

February 13, 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 2215 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2215 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2215 would amend the Campaign Finance Act to allow a candidate for a state or local office to transfer campaign funds from the candidate's original campaign account to a bona fide successor committee or campaign account. The transfer could be made only after all debts, liabilities, and expenses are satisfied and would not be considered a contribution. For the period beginning on January 1, 1976, and ending on the day preceding the effective date of this act, any candidate who transferred campaign funds to a bona fide successor candidacy would be considered to have been in compliance with the Campaign Finance Act in effect at the time of the transfer. The bill provides a definition for "bona fide successor committee or candidacy" and makes a number of technical corrections.

According to the Governmental Ethics Commission, passage of HB 2215 would have no fiscal effect on the agency.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics