

February 24, 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 2251 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2251 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2251 would give county election officers the authority to institute a ballot system and establish polling places on Election Day that would allow voting at any polling place rather than requiring voters to go to an assigned polling place based on his or her address. Advanced ballots turned in at the polling place would be required to be packed and sealed as specified in the bill.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates the passage of HB 2251 would create costs to train county election offices which could be absorbed within existing resources. The Office indicates that county election offices would incur costs to provide security to prevent voters from casting multiple ballots, purchase electronic polling books, provide ballot on demand capability, and train poll workers; however, a precise estimate cannot be made as costs would vary. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2251 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties