

January 20, 2015

The Honorable Mitch Holmes, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections
Statehouse, Room 237-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Holmes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 27 by Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 27 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires a candidate for election to any city of the second and third class, unified school district, community college or township office who plans to spend or has spent more than \$500, or who plans to receive or has received contributions of more than \$500, to file an affidavit of intent with the county election officer of the county in which the candidate resides. Current law also requires any candidate for local or state office who plans to spend or has spent more than \$500, or who plans to receive or has received contributions of more than \$500, to file an affidavit of intent with the Secretary of State, as well as with the county election officer of the county in which the candidate resides. In both cases, SB 27 would increase the amount to \$1,000. Current law lists the allowable uses of monies received by a candidate or candidate committee. The bill would add donations to any organization recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization to the list. In addition, the bill includes provisions for disposing of residual funds if a candidate dies with an open campaign account which contains funds. Current law requires a lobbyist who expects to spend more than \$100 for lobbying within a reporting period to file an affidavit of intent with the Secretary of State and to file a report showing all expenditures on or before January 10 for the preceding calendar year. SB 27 would remove that deadline.

The Governmental Ethics Commission states that passage of SB 27 would have no fiscal effect on its budget.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics