

March 17, 2016

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 441 by Senator Hensley, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 441 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires counties with a population exceeding 130,000 to have an Office of Commissioner of Elections, administered by an Election Commissioner who is appointed by the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State may remove the Commissioner for official misconduct and appoint a successor in the case of a vacancy to the position. SB 441 would transfer the appointment and removal powers for the position to the board of county commissioners.

According to the Kansas Secretary of State, passage of SB 441 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. The Kansas Association of Counties reports that passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on Kansas counties.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

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