

March 24, 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 471 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 471 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 471 would allow citizens of Kansas to apply for permanent advance voter status. The bill would also require all Kansas drivers' licenses and identification cards to indicate whether the individual has provided adequate proof of U.S. citizenship.

The Department of Revenue indicates the bill would require \$157,360 from the Division of Vehicles Operating Fund for administrative costs to implement the bill, including training for all driver license examiners and to modify its driver's license computer system. The required computer programming would be performed by existing staff of the Department of Revenue. If the combined effect of implementing this bill and other enacted legislation exceeds the Department's programming resources, or if the time for implementing the changes is too short, expenditures for outside contract programmer services beyond the Department's current budget may be required.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates the bill would require the agency to update existing advance voting forms, training documents, and general information that goes to the public; however, the changes could be handled within existing resources. The Office also states that local county governments would need to update voter information as well.

The Kansas Association of Counties believes expenses to counties could be lowered as a result of the bill by allowing citizens to gain permanent advance voter status. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 471 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Jack Smith, Department of Revenue
Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties