

January 30, 2017

The Honorable Keith Esau, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Esau:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2158 by Representative Miller

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2158 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires that all advance voting ballots be received in the office of a county election officer no later than the hour that the polls close on Election Day in order to be delivered to the county special election board. HB 2158 would allow ballots received by the fourth day following the election and postmarked on or before Election Day to be delivered to the county special election board or the county board of canvassers to be handled in a manner consistent with all other advance voting ballots. Procedures for handling these ballots would be created in rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of State.

According to the Secretary of State, passage of HB 2158 would have no fiscal effect on the agency, but could have a fiscal effect on Kansas counties that needed to create a special election board. The agency reports that the Secretary of State and most county election offices would prefer that a special election board be appointed to handle ballots appropriately, since county boards of canvassers are not trained to handle actual ballots.

The Kansas Association of Counties states 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
Linda Borrer, Office of the Secretary of State