

February 20, 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 2225 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2225 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2225 would amend existing law concerning elections and advanced voting. The bill would make the application for an advance voting ballot also constitute an application for permanent advance voting status. The bill would specify the format of the application and that it should clearly offer the option to request an advance voting ballot only or to request permanent advance voting status.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, HB 2225 could result in reduced expenses for county governments by decreasing the number of advance voting applications a county processes each election. However, there could also be costs associated with updating voter information as a result of more individuals obtaining permanent advance voting status. The Association is unable to estimate these savings or costs. The Secretary of State indicates that HB 2225 would require updates to training manuals and materials which could be paid for from existing resources. The agency states that enactment of the bill could cause additional expense for Kansas counties as there would be an increase in the number of ballots that are transmitted and come back undeliverable. The agency is unable, however, to estimate a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties  
Linda Borrer, Office of the Secretary of State