

February 10, 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 2333 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2333 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2333 would amend existing law concerning elections to establish the requirements for manual audits of votes cast in an election. In addition, the bill would give a county election official the option to move the date of a canvass to any business day not later than 13 days following an election. The bill would require the time and place of the canvass to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county prior to the canvass. The bill also would prohibit the board of county commissioners in any county from purchasing, leasing or renting any voting system, unless that system provides a paper record of the vote and has the ability to be tested both before an election and prior to the date of canvass.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, passage of HB 2333 would likely increase expenditures for county governments as it would require them to hire workers and purchase supplies in order to conduct manual audits. In addition, there could be extra costs associated with printing paper ballots; however, the Association is unable to estimate the total costs.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties