

March 21, 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 2358 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2358 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2358 would amend existing law to remove the requirement to present evidence of United States citizenship when applying to register to vote and would delete the provisions which exempt a person 17 years of age or older from fees charged by the Division of Vehicles for application for an identification card and photo that are currently issued for the purposes of meeting existing voter identification requirements. The bill would amend existing law concerning applications for advance voting ballots to change the identification requirements and would define "first-time voter" for the purposes of the bill. The bill would remove the prohibition on county election officers from providing advance ballots without signature verification and a Kansas driver's license or approved identification document. The bill would make a number of changes to how voters and assignees of voters may mark and return advance voting ballots.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, enactment of HB 2358 would have some fiscal effect on county governments for training election officials and implementing changes to the law, but it is unable to estimate the effect. The Kansas Department of Revenue indicates that enactment of the bill would increase expenditures related to systems changes by \$10,450 from the State General Fund. The Secretary of State was unable to provide information regarding any fiscal effect enactment of this bill might have on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2358 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue
Linda Borrer, Office of the Secretary of State
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties