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March 7, 2018

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

Dear Representative Esau:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2633 by Representative Parker

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2633 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2633 would amend existing law to require that on and after January 1, 2022, the Secretary of State be elected on nonpartisan basis. The bill would require the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) to appoint a special committee to make recommendations regarding statutory changes needed to implement this election. The LCC would make recommendations to the 2019 Legislature including, but not limited to, the nomination process and ballot format. The bill would prohibit the Secretary of State from establishing any political committee, as specified by the bill. The bill specifies how any residual funds remaining at the termination of any political committee established by the Secretary of State must be distributed. It would require any person who holds the office of the Secretary of State as a nonpartisan office to resign that position before becoming a candidate for a partisan office.

According to Legislative Administrative Services, enactment of HB 2633 would result in additional costs, but because the bill does not specify how many legislators would be on the special committee or how many times the committee would meet, there is no way to estimate what those costs might amount to.

The Kansas Secretary of State has been contacted regarding the fiscal effect of HB 2633. At this time, the agency has not responded to the request for information. However, the Division of the Budget estimates that any additional responsibilities resulting from enactment of HB 2633

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could be performed within existing budget resources. If further information regarding the fiscal effect of the bill is received by the Division of the Budget, a revised fiscal note will be issued. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2633 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

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cc: Linda Borrer, Office of the Secretary of State