

February 27, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Statehouse, Room 223-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 118 by Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 118 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 118 would amend existing law concerning voter registration to require the Secretary of State to develop a voter registration system that would offer voter registration services through the Kansas Department for Children and Families, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services and the Kansas Department of Labor. The bill would require each of these agencies to offer an applicant for services an opportunity to register to vote. In addition, inmates being discharged after serving their term of imprisonment must be offered the opportunity to register to vote. In all cases, if proof of citizenship is not required for the services or is not available, the potential registrant must be told that it would be required in order to complete the voter registration process. Anyone who is ineligible to vote and becomes registered under the provisions of this law would, in the absence of willful misrepresentation, be presumed not at fault and not subject to criminal prosecution. The bill would also require the Secretary of State to develop a voter registration program to offer voter registration services at each accredited high school.

The Secretary of State was unable to provide information concerning any possible fiscal effect resulting from enactment of SB 118.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Linda Kelly, Corrections
Linda Borrer, Office of the Secretary of State