

February 6, 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 37 by Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 37 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 37 would amend existing law concerning primary and general election ballot formats to specify that no statutory requirements for election ballots are to be interpreted as requiring national offices to be on the same ballot as state, county and township offices. The bill would also amend existing law concerning voter registration. Under the provisions of the bill, if a court enjoins, invalidates, or otherwise renders unenforceable any statutory requirement that a person provide satisfactory evidence of citizenship in order to register to vote in Kansas, the person could not be registered for any elections except elections for federal office. The bill specifies that a person who is already registered to vote in elections for federal office and who has not provided satisfactory evidence of U.S. citizenship would be allowed to cast only a provisional ballot. The Secretary of State would be required to issue rules and regulations to enforce these requirements. The bill also makes a number of technical corrections.

According to the Secretary of State, enactment of SB 37 would have no fiscal effect. The Kansas Association of Counties did not provide information as to any effect the bill could have on Kansas counties.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

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