

January 25, 2019

The Honorable Russell Jennings, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

And

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representatives Jennings and Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2018 by Representative Carmichael

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2018 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2018 would remove the Secretary of State from the list of officers who may prosecute any person who has committed or attempted to commit an elections crime.

According to the Office of the Attorney General, enactment of HB 2018 may result in additional expenditures in order to prosecute election crimes previously prosecuted by the Office of the Secretary of State. The agency also indicates the bill may result in additional revenues from court costs and fines. However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated because the number of cases the agency may have to prosecute is unknown. The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that the bill may lower its expenditures because it would no longer prosecute election crimes. However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated because the number of cases the agency would no longer prosecute is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2018 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the budget

cc: Bryan Caskey, Office of the Secretary of State
Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General