

March 5, 2019

The Honorable Bill Sutton, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 274-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Sutton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2091 by Representative Pittman

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2091 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2091 would amend existing law concerning advance voting in elections to allow any registered voter of a county to cast an advance ballot in person at the office of the County Election Officer or at any satellite advance voting site. The advance ballot could be cast during the period beginning at least ten days prior to an election and ending at the close of business the day before the election.

According to the Secretary of State, enactment of HB 2091 would result in additional expenditures of \$7,500 in FY 2019 and FY 2020 to modify training and education materials that are provided to county election officials and the general public. The agency indicates that these expenditures could be paid for from existing resources. According to the agency, because the bill would increase the number of days required to provide in-person advance voting from seven to ten, it could cause a significant increase in expenditures for hiring election board workers, operation and security of voting equipment, and other costs associated with operating a location where voting is taking place. Those costs could range from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars per county. However, the agency also indicates that, under current law, counties have the option of offering in-person advance voting up to 20 days before the election and many counties already offer voting prior to the seven days. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2091 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties reports that enactment of HB 2091 could result in additional costs for counties that keep election offices open for extended hours; however, the costs would vary from county to county, and the Association is unable to estimate what they might amount to.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. L. Campbell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties
Bryan Caskey, Office of the Secretary of State