

February 19, 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 2171 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2171 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law considers making or causing to be made any website, email or other type of internet communication that expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office corrupt political advertising unless the communication includes a statement that states "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the chairperson or treasurer of the political or other organization sponsoring the communication. HB 2171 would require that the attribution statement be clear and obvious and would eliminate the requirement that the name of the treasurer be included. The bill would also remove the requirement that the name of the campaign treasurer appear in political advertisements.

According to the Governmental Ethics Commission and the Secretary of State, enactment of HB 2171 would have no fiscal effect on either agency.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics
Bryan Caskey, Office of the Secretary of State