

February 4, 2020

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

Dear Representative Sutton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2512 by Representative B. Carpenter, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2512 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2512 would amend existing law concerning elections to authorize Sedgwick County voters to vote at any polling place within the county for the primary and general elections in 2020, even if the Secretary of State has not yet established rules and regulations for the 2020 election cycle.

According to the Secretary of State, enactment of HB 2512 would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. The Secretary indicates that enactment of the bill would, however, cause increased costs for Sedgwick County. Under Kansas law, the Secretary of State must develop rules and regulations concerning the establishment of voting centers. Once those rules and regulations are implemented, counties must adhere to them; thus, Sedgwick County might need to purchase additional voting equipment, hardware, or software in order to enhance security operations or it might need to make other purchases in order to address the requirements of the rules and regulations. The Secretary estimates that the costs could range from thousands of dollars to tens of thousands of dollars depending on current county inventory and future requirements.

The Kansas Association of Counties reports that enactment of the bill would have a negligible effect on Sedgwick County, which already has the technology in place to implement its requirements.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties
Trey Cocking, League of Municipalities
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State