

February 14, 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 2606 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2606 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, in the case of a vacancy in the office of the Commissioner of Insurance or State Treasurer, the Governor appoints a suitable person to serve for the unexpired term. If a vacancy in either of these positions would occur or if either state officer is disabled, HB 2606 would require that the position be filled by a state party delegate convention made up of state party committee members of the party of the position at the time of election. If the person holding the position was elected as an independent, the Governor would fill the vacancy. The convention must be called within 21 days of notice that a vacancy has occurred or will occur. The bill specifies the makeup of the state party delegate convention; how the person chosen to fill the position would be certified as elected; who must be notified of the election; and the timeline for notification. The bill would make technical corrections to align applicable statutes with these changes.

According to the Secretary of State, enactment of HB 2606 would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. The State Treasurer reports that agency expenditures necessary for the transition of a Treasurer are negligible, are assumed in an elected office and are not affected by the method of appointment. The Commissioner of Insurance indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Bobbi Mariani, Insurance
Jennifer Hermann, Office of the Treasurer
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State