

January 22, 2020

The Honorable Caryn Tyson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
Statehouse, Room 123-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Tyson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 265 by Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 265 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 265 would give the option for a party or their attorney on record to receive notices or orders from the Board of Tax Appeals by electronic means. Service by electronic means would be complete upon transmission.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2020 SGF	FY 2020 All Funds	FY 2021 SGF	FY 2021 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$10,000	\$10,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Board of Tax Appeals estimates SB 265 would require \$10,000 from the State General Fund in FY 2021 to implement the bill and to contract with a vendor to modify its case management system. The Board receives approximately 9,000 appeals each year. Of those 9,000 appeals, all appeals have at least two participants involved, and many will have several participants (i.e. taxpayer, taxpayer representative, taxpayer attorney or multiple attorneys, county appraiser, county treasurer, and Department of Revenue legal staff). All county appeal forms are unique to that county and none currently request email addresses or include the option for electronic service. The Board anticipates additional staff time would be devoted to numerous calls or emails requesting electronic service under the provisions of the bill. Once orders and notices are written,

the Board's case management system generates the notices and orders and they are signed by the Board members then processed for mailing. Instead of just copying and mailing out the notices and orders, staff would initially need to open the file in the case management system to determine which parties requested electronic notices and then scan the documents for the electronic notice to email to the appropriate parties. Once the case management system is modified and forms are changed to allow for notices or orders by electronic means, then staff time would be reduced. The Board also indicates that the bill has the potential to reduce postage costs; however, without knowing how many parties would request to receive notices or orders by electronic means, the Board is unable to provide a precise estimate of the fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 265 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. L. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "C".

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Jody Allen, Tax Appeals