

February 4, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Statehouse, Room 223A-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 299 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 299 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 299 would amend the Campaign Finance Act to include community colleges and local school boards in districts where regular enrollment exceeds 5,000 pupils. Under current law, community college elections are not covered under the Campaign Finance Act and the threshold for local school board elections includes school districts where regular enrollment exceeds 35,000 pupils.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2020 SGF	FY 2020 All Funds	FY 2021 SGF	FY 2021 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$57,656	\$57,656
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	1.00

The Governmental Ethics Commission indicates SB 299 would increase the number of jurisdictions required to file campaign finance reports at the local level and with the Governmental Ethics Commission including 23 school districts with 275 new school board candidates and 19 community colleges with 216 new trustee candidates each election year. The Commission estimates the additional workload would increase annual expenditures by \$52,100 from the State General Fund in FY 2021 for 1.00 new Campaign Finance Coordinator FTE position to review and process the increased volume of reports, print and send materials and enforce compliance. The

Commission estimates the bill would also increase its indirect costs by \$5,556 each election year. The Commission estimates any revenues from civil penalties to its fee fund would be negligible. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates any fiscal effect to counties that may result from the enactment of SB 299 would be negligible. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 299 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. L. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "L." and last name "Campbell" clearly visible.

Larry L. Campbell
Division of the Budget

cc: Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State
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