

February 1, 2021

The Honorable Blake Carpenter, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 149C-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Carpenter:

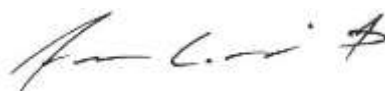
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2183 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2183 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law grants the Secretary of State the authority to designate temporary alternative methods for distribution of ballots in cases of war, natural or man-made disaster, equipment failures or other emergency conditions or circumstances which make it impossible for voters in a voting area to obtain ballots. HB 2183 would repeal that law and prohibit the Secretary of State from entering into any consent decree or other agreement with any state or federal court regarding enforcement of any election law or the alteration of any election procedure without the specific approval of the Legislative Coordinating Council. Without the Council's approval, the bill would also prohibit the Executive Branch and Judicial Branch of state government from altering state election laws, and the bill would, in all cases, prohibit the Governor from altering state election laws or procedures by issuance of an Executive Order.

According to the Secretary of State, enactment of HB 2183 would have no fiscal effect on the agency.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State