

February 11, 2022

The Honorable Emil Bergquist, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Bergquist:

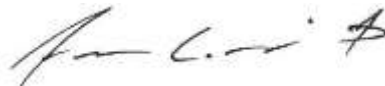
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2578 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2578 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2578 would change the petition requirements to create a new political party from the current 2.0 percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for the Office of Governor at the last election to 1.0 percent. Current law requires the petition to be submitted within 180 days of the date of the first signature. The bill would require the petition to be submitted within one year of the date of the first signature on the petition.

The Secretary of State's Office states that HB 2579 could increase the number of petitions that are filed with the Office. Processing costs associated with the increase in the number of petitions would be absorbed within existing resources. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that HB 2578 would have no fiscal effect on the counties.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State