

March 10, 2021

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

Dear Senator Bowers:

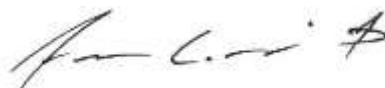
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 260 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 260 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 260 would require any candidate or officer holder upon written request from an individual or organization to remove endorsements of that individual or organization from the candidate or officer holder's website and all social media within 90 days of the receipt of the request. A candidate or office holder who violates the above provision would be liable for a civil penalty of \$500 for each violation.

The Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission states the Commission at times does not assess penalties or fines in scenarios where a candidate has attempted to comply in good faith and corrected the error once notified. Additionally, the Commission indicates it does not know how often a violation of the bill's provisions would occur. According to the Commission, enactment of SB 260 would have a negligible fiscal effect on agency operations.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics  
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State