

February 6, 2024

The Honorable Emil Bergquist, Chairperson
House Committee on Local Government
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 281-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Bergquist:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2661 by House Committee on Local Government

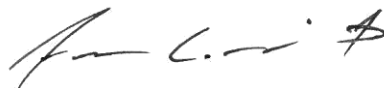
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2661 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2661 would revise procedures for filling vacancies created by an increase in number of county commissioner districts. Under the bill, the Governor would no longer have authority to declare an election to be held at a general election or declare a special election to fill vacancies in the Office of Commissioner. HB 2661 would require the vacancies to be filled at the next general election. The bill would also provide for the staggering of terms of commissioners elected to fill such vacancies. The bill would take effect after publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Secretary of State would use existing resources to provide training and update manuals for county election officials; update the agency's website; update public documents and information; and work with media, political parties, candidates, and the public to ensure knowledge of the change in election procedures. The Office of Judicial Administration states HB 2661 would not have a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2661 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates HB 2661 would not have a fiscal effect on the counties.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
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