

January 22, 2024

The Honorable Pat Proctor, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Proctor:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2516 by House Committee on Elections

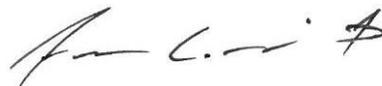
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2516 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current election law requires independent nominations of candidates for any office be made by nomination petitions signed by no less than 5,000 qualified voters. HB 2516 would increase the number of qualified voters to 25,000. The bill would also prohibit independent candidates for statewide office from paying a filing fee.

The Secretary of State indicates enactment of HB 2516 would increase staff time to process 25,000 signatures instead of 5,000 signatures. The agency would implement HB 2516 using existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2516 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates HB 2516 would not have a fiscal effect on the counties.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

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