

January 17, 2023

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 582-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

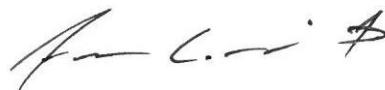
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2018 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2018 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2018 would allow a copy of a person's will to be filed with the district court. Under current law, only the actual will can be filed with the district court. The bill would also allow the will or copy of the will to be admitted to probate at any time after such filing subject to any other applicable legal defenses to such admission instead of the current six-month time limit. The bill would require an affidavit to state whether the original will or a copy is being filed with the court beginning on and after July 1, 2023.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of HB 2018 could have a fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch because the bill would allow a copy of a will to be filed, which could result in more time spent by court employees and judges processing and deciding cases. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2018 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary