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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 2056 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2056 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2056 would change the due date for advance voting ballots received by mail from the third day following the date of the election to 7:00 pm on the date of the election.

The Secretary of State indicates it 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, public, political parties, candidates, and the public to notify the deadline change. In addition, Secretary of State indicates that county election offices would have to update public information, conduct public outreach, and other activities to notify the public of the change in the deadline.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, the bill could have a fiscal effect on local government. The Association states that the shorter deadline could create the need for more election workers to process and receive ballots prior to and on the election day, which could be offset by the elimination of the grace period to receive mail in ballots. Therefore, the Association is unable to estimate a fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2056 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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