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Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 367 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 367 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 367 would amend the Transparency in Revenues Underwriting Elections Act. The bill would prohibit the use of funds provided by the federal government for the conduct of elections or election-related activities unless approved by the legislature.

According to the Secretary of State, federal law requires each state to have a statewide voter registration database. The federal government provides funding for this purpose under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). If the agency is prohibited from using federal funds for security and administration of the statewide voter registration system, under SB 367, funding for the database would need to come from another source, likely the State General Fund. The agency's budget contains \$1.4 million from HAVA funds for maintenance of the database in FY 2025. Maintenance would continue in FY 2026. The agency estimates future procurement costs for a new database would be \$10.0 million beginning in FY 2026 from the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 367 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counites indicates SB 367 could have a fiscal effect on the counties because counties could also not use federal funding without state approval.

Sincerely,

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