

MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Elections

From: Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office

Date: January 22, 2026

Subject: HB 2451 Summary

HB 2451 amends K.S.A. 25-4169a to prohibit the use of public assets for the advocacy for or against state constitutional amendments and any other ballot question submitted to qualified electors of the state or any municipality.

The bill provides that an officer or employee of the state or any municipality may respond to inquiries regarding the adoption or repeal of any provisions of the constitution of the state of Kansas or any other ballot question in a neutral manner and publish neutral information to educate or otherwise inform the public on such ballot questions on any website maintained by the state or such municipality.

The bill provides that it shall be a violation of the law for any officer or employee of the state or any municipality to conduct or authorize directed mass communications regarding such ballot questions, such as mailers, flyers, physical signage and statements posted on social media.

