

January 24, 2025

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 2021 by House Committee on Elections

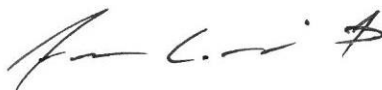
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2021 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2021 would require the Secretary of State to adopt, in consultation with county elections officers, rules and regulations for the use of remote ballot boxes for the return of advance voting ballots, on or before January 1, 2026. The bill would define "remote ballot boxes" as any form of locked ballot boxes available for the use of depositing advance voting ballots that are not located in a county election office or satellite advance voting site.

The Secretary of State indicates, under HB 2021, the agency would use existing staff and budget resources to coordinate with county election officials to draft and adopt new rules and regulations as well as provide training and update manuals for county election officials; update the agency's website; update public documents and information; and work with media, political parties, candidates, and the public to ensure knowledge of regulatory changes. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2021 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of State could have a fiscal effect on counties. The Association is unable to estimate the fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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