

January 21, 2026

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 2437 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2437 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Currently, county election officers are authorized to send a confirmation notice to a registrant to verify the registrant's current address within 45 days of the occurrence of various events listed under current election law. HB 2437 would expand the list to include information received from the Kansas Department of Revenue's Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles indicating that a registrant has moved to a different address outside the county of the registrant's current address.

In addition, under current election laws, county election officers are authorized to remove the name of a registered voter from the registration books and the party affiliation lists for various reasons. The bill would allow a registered voter to be removed if the voter's name appears on a list that has been verified of deceased individuals provided by the Social Security Administration and if the voter is declared deceased by notarized attestation of such declaration by the voter's spouse, grandparent, parent, child, grandchild, or sibling.

The bill would also provide a schedule of how often the Secretary of State would provide information to county election officers in an effort to ensure effective and continuous maintenance of voter registration records. The Secretary of State would provide information that includes results of any duplicate voter registration checks performed on state voter registration records and a list of changes in residency from the Division of Motor Vehicles. The Secretary would also be required to provide a list of deceased residents of the state provided by the Social Security Administration and the list of noncitizens registered to vote by the United States Citizenship and

Immigration Services. The Secretary would also be authorized to obtain information on any change of residency information from a state or federal agency, nongovernmental entity, and comparisons of voter registration records held and maintained by other jurisdictions.

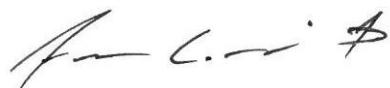
Information obtained by the Secretary under the bill would be confidential and would be exempt from being disclosed under the Kansas Open Records Act with the exception that such information could be released to county election officers as authorized under the bill. The exemption would expire on July 1, 2031, unless the Legislature reenacts this provision of the bill before July 1, 2031.

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to update training materials for local election officials and update educational and promotional materials for the public regarding the provisions of HB 2437.

The Kansas Department of Revenue indicates that it would require \$11,400 from the State General Fund in FY 2027 to develop and test processes to retrieve information and to match that data to produce a monthly report to the Secretary of State that would detail any changes in residency that occurred for the previous month. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2437 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates HB 2437 could increase costs for counties that would need to hire additional staff to utilize additional means of removing voters from registration books and party affiliations. However, the Association is unable to estimate a precise fiscal effect of the bill. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates passage of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on counties.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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