



February 2, 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 2453 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2453 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Currently, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter by mail must be filed between April 1 and the Tuesday of the week preceding a primary election. For a general election, the application must be filed between 90 days prior to the election and the Tuesday of the week preceding the election. The bill would require the application to be filed between April 1 and the 14th day before a primary election and between 90 days prior to and the 14th day before a general election. The bill would also require applications for a question submitted election, not occurring on the date of a general or primary election, to be filed between the time of the first published notice and the 14th day before such election.

In addition, current law requires that no advance voting ballot be transmitted by the county election officer to the voter prior to the 20th day before an election. HB 2453 would change the time frame to the 22nd day before an election. The bill would also change the deadline for the county election officer to receive an advance voting ballot by mail from 7:00 pm on the election day to the close of polls on election day.

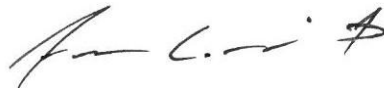
Under HB 2453, there would no longer be canvassing and challenging of advance voting ballots received by mail after the closing of the polls. The bill would remove these procedures. Also, presently county election officers provide for registration of voters on all days with exceptions including 20 days preceding the day of primary and general elections and any election other than an election specified by statute. The bill would shorten this time to 23 days preceding the same elections. The bill would also shorten the time for accepting and processing applications

by voter registration agencies and the Division of Motor Vehicles from the 21st day preceding any election day to the 23rd day.

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 2453. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2453 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates HB 2453 would increase costs for the counties to hire additional staff to utilize the additional ways of removing voters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish or symbol.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Jennifer Cook, Office of the Secretary of State
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties