

February 12, 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 2494 by House Committee on Elections

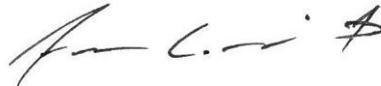
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2494 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2494 would allow a candidate for a nonpartisan office other than a national, state, county, or township office to have their political party affiliation added to the ballot with the candidate's name. This provision would make null and void any ordinance, resolution, or regulation adopted by a city, county, township, school district or any other political subdivision adopted on or before July 1, 2026, that is in direct conflict with the provisions of the bill. The bill would take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Secretary of State would use existing resources to provide training and update manuals for county local 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 the change contained in HB 2494. The agency also indicates HB 2494 could have a fiscal effect on county election office budgets. The election offices would have additional expenses for ballot printing and voting machine programming. There would also be an added expense if counties were required to publish this information in official notifications. The agency estimates costs would range from a few hundred dollars to several thousand dollars per county per election. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2494 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states HB 2494 would increase counties' costs slightly to add a candidate's political party affiliation to the ballot. The Association is unable to estimate a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

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