

February 20, 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 2726 by House Committee on Judiciary

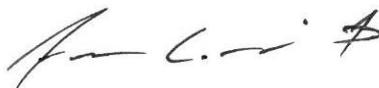
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2726 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a district court judge position must become vacant if a majority of those voting on retaining a district court judge, in judicial districts with nonpartisan selection of judges, vote against retention. HB 2726 would change the vote threshold to not retain a district court judge from a majority voting against to 40.0 percent voting against.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could increase expenditures of the Judicial Branch because the bill could result in more judges not being retained during an election due to judges needing at least 60.0 percent of votes in order to be retained. This would result in more judges having to be onboarded and trained every two years as well as cases not being processed as quickly due to judge vacancies. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Secretary of State indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency or county offices. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2726 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Jennifer Cook, Office of the Secretary of State