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Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 258 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 258 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 258 would revise the crime of false representation of an election official to include representing oneself as an election official by using any official seal or other insignia of the Secretary of State or any county election office. The bill also removes the language "engaging in conduct that gives the appearance of being an election official."

The Secretary of State would use existing resources to 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, law enforcement officials, and the public to ensure knowledge of the changes in election law contained in SB 258.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of SB 258 could have an effect on prison admissions, bed space, and workload of the Commission; however, any fiscal effect would be negligible. The Department of Corrections indicates any fiscal effect of enactment of the bill would be negligible.

The Kansas Judicial Branch indicates SB 258 would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 258 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities state enactment of SB 258 would not have a fiscal effect on local governments.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State Jennifer King, Department of Corrections Scott Schultz, Kansas Sentencing Commission Trisha Morrow, Judiciary Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities