

February 25, 2025

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 273 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

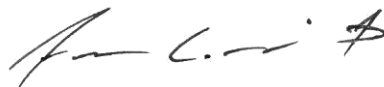
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 273 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 273 would revise the definition of special election as any election held on the first Tuesday in March of any year. The definition would apply to bond elections held by a municipality, school elections of school officers, and bond elections held by school districts. The bill would also amend the requirements for when bond elections by school districts could be held.

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to provide training and update manuals for local county election officials and update public information to ensure knowledge of requirements of the timing of special elections. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 273 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities both state that enactment of SB 273 could have the effect of reducing election costs for the cities and counties since the bill would reduce the number of special elections held to one day in the year. The Association and the League could not estimate a precise fiscal effect of the bill.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State
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