

January 26, 2026

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 336 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 336 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 336 would amend current election laws to provide for a presidential preference primary election beginning in 2028 and every four years thereafter and change the date for special elections to coincide with the presidential preference primary election date, which would be the first Tuesday in March. The bill states that nothing in Article 45 of Chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated shall be construed to repeal, modify or otherwise supersede any provision of state law or any rules and regulations governing the conduct of an election held on the same date as a presidential preference primary election.

The bill would also amend voter registration procedures. Currently, registration of voters for a presidential preference primary election ends 30 days preceding the day of such election. The bill would remove this procedure. Current law also requires county election officers to accept and process voter registration applications received from voter registration agencies and the Division of Motor Vehicles not later than the 31st day preceding the date of such election and accept and process mailed applications that are postmarked no later than the 31st day preceding such election, except if the postmark is illegible or missing, such application must be received in the mail no later than the 19th day preceding such election. The bill would remove this requirement. The bill would also allow political parties to submit written notice that the party will not participate in the election on or before December 1 of the year preceding the year in which the presidential preference primary election would be held.

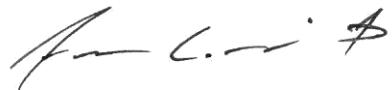
Currently, the County Board of Canvassers of each county must meet to canvass the votes no later than eight days after a presidential preference primary election is held. The bill would increase the number of days to thirteen. The bill would also require the Secretary of State to call a meeting of the State Board of Canvassers no later than 24 days following the presidential preference primary election. The bill would also make technical corrections.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	--	\$5.0 million
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	--	\$5.0 million
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	--	--

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to provide training and update manuals for county election officials; update the agency's website; and update public documents and information. In addition, each county would have to conduct the presidential primary election which would increase county election offices' expenditures. According to existing laws, the State would reimburse the counties for direct expenses and not indirect expenses. The counties would submit the expenses to the State through the Secretary of State for reimbursement. After consultation with the counties, the agency estimates the State could reimburse the counties for approximately \$5.0 million from the State General Fund for FY 2028. The counties' costs, for which the State would provide reimbursement, would increase every four years for each primary that is held under the provisions of SB 336. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 336 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates SB 336 could increase costs for counties if the primary falls on a date that is different than a special election. However, the Association is unable to estimate a precise fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jennifer Cook, Office of the Secretary of State
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