

February 16, 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 347 by Senator Holscher

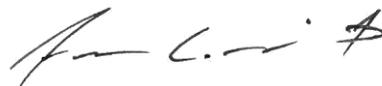
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 347 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Secretary of State appoints the election commissioner in counties that have a population exceeding 125,000 and the election commissioner administers the Office of County Commissioner of Elections. Under SB 347, on or after July 1, 2026, the Secretary of State would no longer appoint any person to the Office of County Election Commissioner. Upon the vacancy in the Office in any county, all jurisdiction, powers, and duties of the Office relating to the conduct of elections would be transferred to the county clerk of an affected county. In addition, all files, books, records, papers, documents, and data under the jurisdiction and control of the Office would be transferred and delivered to the county clerk. Current law would cease to have force and effect on the date that no person holds the Office.

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to update public materials concerning the election process outlined in SB 347. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 347 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states enactment of SB 347 could increase counties' costs associated with the transition from an election commissioner to a county clerk. These costs would include costs of documents and filing of those documents with the county clerk as well as the search, appointment, and election of the election commissioner. The Association is unable to estimate a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jennifer Cook, Office of the Secretary of State  
Bruce Chladny, Kansas Association of Counties