

February 9, 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 392 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

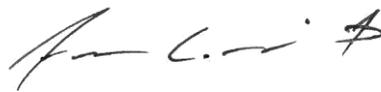
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 392 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current election law does not allow a candidate in a school district or city election to withdraw from candidacy after the filing deadline. SB 392 would allow a candidate for those elections as well as a candidate for election to trustee to withdraw if the candidate certifies the candidate is withdrawing because of severe medical hardship or that the candidate no longer resides in the district for which the candidate filed for office. The certification must be received by September 1 of the year of the election. If a candidate dies on or before September 1 of the year of the election, the candidate's name will be withdrawn.

The bill would also prohibit the filling of a vacancy in the candidacy of governor or lieutenant governor after a joint candidacy has been filed with the Secretary of State. If a vacancy occurs for any reason, the joint candidacy would be terminated. The remaining candidate would be able to file a new joint candidacy with another individual.

The Secretary of State indicates SB 392 would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Kansas Association of Counties indicates SB 392 would increase costs for counties associated with filing and documenting requirements, changing procedures associated with voting and election standards, enforcing and verifying of certifications, and changing ballot format. The Association is unable to estimate the fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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