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The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chairperson House Committee on Elections Statehouse, Room 561-W Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwab:

SUBJECT: Revised Fiscal Note for HB 2425 by Representatives Goodman and O'Brien

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following revised fiscal note concerning HB 2425 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2425 would amend the Campaign Finance Act to require all candidates for boards of unified school districts to comply with the provisions of the act. Current law excludes candidates for a "unified school district having 35,000 or more pupils regularly enrolled in the preceding school year," which limits the number of candidates who fall under the Act to those who run for school boards in the City of Wichita. The Governmental Ethics Commission indicates that the bill would bring 285 school districts, each having seven members, under the act. In addition, the bill would bring the reporting of all question-submitted elections under the Campaign Finance Act. The bill also includes various technical corrections.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds
Revenue				
Expenditure			\$26,487	\$26,487
FTE Pos.				

Since the original fiscal effect statement was issued, the Governmental Ethics Commission has provided revised information on the fiscal effect of this bill. The Commission estimates that HB 2425 would increase expenditures from the State General Fund by a minimum of \$26,487 in FY 2013, which includes \$3,759 for one-time expenditures for computer equipment and office furniture. The Commission estimates that \$17,228 would be needed for additional salaries and wages expenditures to retain a temporary position to process receipts and

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expenditures reports of approximately 1,000 additional candidates and compensate an investigator for additional hours. The Commission estimates that \$5,500 would be required to print and mail notices, handbooks, and reporting forms to each candidate and local treasurer.

The Commission indicates that it is impossible to determine the costs associated with the reporting of question-submitted elections because the number of committees that would be formed to support or oppose these elections cannot be determined. The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that any fiscal effect associated with the passage of HB 2425 would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2425 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics