

March 16, 2011

The Honorable Terrie Huntington, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections
Statehouse, Room 235-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Huntington:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 169 by Senator Hensley, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 169 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Secretary of State appoints the election commissioner in counties with populations exceeding 130,000, which include Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, and Wyandotte counties in the event of a vacancy. SB 169 would move this responsibility to the board of county commissioners in each county. The bill would also move from the Secretary of State to the board of county commissioners in each county, the responsibility to remove an election commissioner for any official misconduct and to appoint a successor upon any vacancy.

The Secretary of State and Kansas Association of Counties indicates that SB 169 would have no fiscal effect on state or local revenues or expenditures.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kim Ribelin, Secretary of State's Office
Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties
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