

January 29, 2015

The Honorable Mitch Holmes, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections
Statehouse, Room 237-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Holmes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 77 by Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 77 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 77 would amend existing law to raise the dollar amount of fees that candidates for state and local office, political action committees and lobbyists pay into the Governmental Ethics Fee Fund.

According to the Governmental Ethics Commission, passage of SB 77 would result in increased revenues of \$51,210 to the Commission fee fund in FY 2016. The amount of the increase in FY 2016 is based on current numbers of candidates, political action committees, and lobbyists. Information on the fiscal effect of SB 77 was not available from the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer. However, because passage of the bill would only change the amounts of the fees charged and collected, not the procedure for handling those amounts, it is expected that there would be little or no fiscal effect on either agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 77 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

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