

February 23, 2017

The Honorable Keith Esau, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Esau:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2157 by Representative Ward

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2157 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2157 would ascribe the title of "Help Kansas Vote Act" to existing statutes for voter registration procedures. The bill would add a signed affidavit as sufficient proof of United States citizenship that a person must swear to under oath when registering to vote. The affidavit must state the following: "I am a United States citizen. I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to any oath required. The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned or (if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States. Note: The crime of perjury is a severity level 9, nonperson felony." The bill would amend the definition of the crime of perjury in current law so that intentionally and falsely subscribing to the truth and correctness of this affidavit would constitute perjury.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates HB 2157 could increase expenditures and revenues from docket fees as a result of additional perjury cases filed, but any fiscal effect is expected to be negligible.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General
Linda Borrer, Office of the Secretary of State