

February 20, 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 2310 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2310 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, elections relating to municipal bonds must be held within 45 to 90 days after reaching compliance requirements; HB 2310 would require the elections to be held within 60 to 90 days. The bill would also remove language relating to when advance ballots could be filed for presidential preference primaries. Finally, the bill would change how candidates for local political office file for candidacy and the associated filing fees. Under current law, the filing process and the fees associated with filing can be different depending upon a city's size. HB 2310 would create a uniform filing process, filing fee and declaration of candidacy form as specified by the Secretary of State.

The Kansas League of Municipalities indicates the bill would shift fiscal and administrative burdens related to candidates filing for local office from cities to counties. This shift would direct filing fee revenues and related expenditures to counties as opposed to cities; however, the League estimates the fiscal effect on Kansas cities would be negligible. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates HB 2310 would have a fiscal effect on Kansas counties but the effect cannot be estimated. The Office of the Secretary of State indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on its operations.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Brock Ingmire, League of Municipalities
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties
Linda Borrer, Office of the Secretary of State