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March 8, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Statehouse, Room 223-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 413 by Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 413 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 413 would amend existing law concerning voting systems and procedures to require the use of an individual, durable, voter-verified, paper ballot of the voter's vote that would constitute the official ballot to be used for audit or recount purposes. The bill specifies how this ballot must be marked, corrected, and kept safe from disclosure of voter identification; how the ballot would be made available to the voter; and how the ballot would be canvassed or read and tabulated. Voting machines would be required to be in conformance with these requirements. No direct electronic, electronic, or electromechanical systems could be purchased by any county on or after the effective date of this act unless the system marks or provides a paper ballot. The bill would prohibit the use of poll books that do not require a hand-written signature, and the Secretary of State would be required to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement these provisions. In addition, the boundaries of each election precinct must be composed to include the addresses of at least 100 registered voters, but no more than 5,000 registered voters. Under the direction of the Secretary of State, county election officers, deputy election officers, election boards and the supervising judge would be required to ensure these provisions. The bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, enactment of SB 413 could have a sizeable fiscal effect as it would require any counties that are not already producing paper ballots to restructure their voting systems to produce them. Any current electronic equipment that does not produce a paper ballot would need to be replaced and supplies of printed ballots would need to be purchased. The Association, however, is unable to estimate what the costs might be.

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The Kansas Secretary of State has been contacted regarding the fiscal effect of SB 413. At this time, the agency has not responded to the request for information. However, the Division of the Budget estimates that any additional responsibilities resulting from enactment of SB 413 could be performed within existing budget resources. If further information regarding the fiscal effect of the bill is received by the Division of the Budget, a revised fiscal note will be issued. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 413 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Campbell", written in a cursive style.

Larry L. Campbell
Chief Budget Officer

cc: Linda Borrer, Office of the Secretary of State