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The Honorable Robert Olson, Chairperson Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs Statehouse, Room 144-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Olson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 390 by Senator Hilderbrand

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 390 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 390 would require the Secretary of State, in consultation with local election officers, to develop an affidavit system to be utilized for the handling of ballots received from the voters. Each person in a local election office who handles ballots would be required to sign an affidavit listing, the number of blank ballots; number of spoiled ballots; number of provisional ballots; name of the person from whom the ballots were received; and the location of where the ballots were received.

SB 390 would require the Secretary of State to use existing resources to comply with this law. The Secretary of State would expend money to consult with local election offices, create new affidavits, train local election offices, and educate the public on the new requirements. Estimates of these activities would be between \$2,000 and \$5,000 and would be covered with existing resources.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that SB 390 could slightly increase costs necessary for administering the affidavit signature requirements. The exact costs would vary depending on how many personnel are necessary to oversee the election process appropriate for each county's population size. The Association cannot estimate the fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 390 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

Adam Proffitt

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cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties Wendi Stark, League of Municipalities Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State