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Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 368 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 368 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 368 would prohibit the use of any form of ranked-choice voting methods in elections. The bill would define "ranked-choice voting" as a form of voting that allows voters to rank two or more candidates for an elected office in order of preference and tabulates the cast ballots in multiple rounds with the elimination of the lowest vote-receiving candidate after each round until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. Any ordinance, resolution, or regulation adopted prior to July 1, 2024, authorizing ranked-choice voting would be null and void.

The Secretary of State indicates SB 368 would not have a fiscal effect.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates SB 368 would not have a fiscal effect on the counties since ranked-choice voting is not currently in use.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties