January 29, 2019

The Honorable Bill Sutton, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 274-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Sutton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2075 by Representative Woodard

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2075 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2075 would amend existing law concerning petition circulators to reduce the age requirement from 18 years of age to 16 years of age. The bill would also prohibit a person who has been adjudicated as a juvenile offender for an offense that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult from being a petition circulator.

The Kansas Secretary of State reports that enactment of HB 2075 would have a fiscal effect upon the agency’s budget due to the cost of updating all existing petition forms and educational and training materials to reflect the new law. In addition, training would need to be provided to county election officials across the state and to persons who circulate petitions for legally authorized purposes. The agency estimates that the cost would amount to less than $1,000 in the fiscal year following enactment of the bill and would be paid from within existing resources. It is not expected that there would be any long-term fiscal effect. The agency estimates that the cost of implementation of the bill on the 105 county election offices across the state would be less than $100 per county. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that enactment of HB 2075 would have no fiscal effect on Kansas counties. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2075 is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties
    Bryan Caskey, Office of the Secretary of State
    Chardae Caine, League of Municipalities