February 22, 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 2220 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2220 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2220 would make a number of changes to current election law, including:

1. Changing the advance voting time period for both mail and in-person voting from the current 20 days to 28 days prior to Election Day;
2. Removing the deadlines to register to vote and allowing voters to register to vote up to and including on Election Day;
3. Allowing voters to apply to be on the permanent advance voting list for any reason;
4. Removing the requirement to provide proof of citizenship when registering to vote in Kansas for the first time; and
5. Mandating the Secretary of State to withdraw from the Interstate Crosscheck Program.

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According to the Secretary of State, enactment of HB 2220 would cause additional State General Fund expenditures for the agency of $50,000 in FY 2019 and $100,000 in FY 2020, as all training and education materials relating to advance voting, voter registration and permanent advance voting would need to be updated or created. In addition, the agency indicates it would need to conduct a public relations campaign to inform voters of the new changes to the voting experience. The agency notes the bill would require withdrawal from the Interstate Crosscheck Program. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2220 is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, enactment of HB 2220 would cause additional costs for Kansas counties, which would need to conduct additional training for polling location staff and volunteers. In addition, county elections offices would need to commit staff to accepting and processing voter registrations over a longer period of time.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Bryan Caskey, Office of the Secretary of State
    Jay Hall, Association of Counties