

January 29, 2020

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson  
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
Statehouse, Room 285-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2477 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2477 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2477 would add General Election Day to the list of legal public holidays in statute. The holiday would occur on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in even-numbered years in November.

The Department of Administration estimates additional expenditures of \$854,745 from all funding sources if HB 2477 is enacted and General Election is designated a holiday for the Executive Branch. The above estimate is based on actual costs of holiday premium pay for Executive Branch agencies from the 2019 Veteran's Day holiday. The estimate does not include the state universities. The amount above represents the additional pay that was required to be paid out to employees who were required to work the holiday and did not include any compensatory time or holiday credit that employees may have occurred or banked for future use. The estimate includes a 30.0 percent adjustment for fringe benefits. The agency also states that enactment of the bill would require modification adjustments in SHARP and a change in an administrative regulation, however, both tasks could be accomplished within existing resources.

The Secretary of State's Office indicates several agency employees are involved in the administration of elections and would be required to work on General Election Day. The agency states that it could incur some salary expenses with those employees. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2477 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that while other government offices would be closed, election offices and election officials would need to work and providing an additional day off for those employees would need to be considered.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State  
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