

February 15, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Statehouse, Room 223-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 130 by Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 130 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 130 would amend existing law concerning elections and advance ballots to require county election officers to contact persons who have submitted advance voting ballots where there is no signature or where the signature does not match the signature on file and allow the voters to correct the deficiency before the commencement of the final canvass.

According to the Secretary of State, enactment of SB 130 would have a minor fiscal effect on the agency as training and educational materials would need to be updated or created to implement the new law. In addition, the law would need to be explained and publicized to ensure awareness and prevent confusion on the part of the voters. These expenditures could be managed within existing resources. The agency also indicates that enactment of the bill could have a minor fiscal effect on Kansas counties depending on the size of the county and the number of voters that would need to be contacted to comply with the provisions of the bill, and the timing of the contact by the election office. Costs would vary by election and by county and would be an ongoing cost for every election. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 130 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties reports that there could be a fiscal effect on Kansas counties if county elections offices are required to mail out duplicate ballots, but the effect is not expected to be significant.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties
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