

February 15, 2023

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 221 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

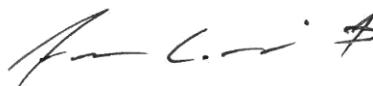
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 221 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 221 would require write-in candidates for certain state and local elections to file an affidavit preceding the election in which the write-in candidate seeks nomination or election. If the write-in candidate is a candidate for the state legislature, the state Board of Education, district and district magistrate judges, district attorneys, any county officer, or any city officer of a city of the first class and the candidate has not filed an affidavit, the write-in vote would not be counted.

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to provide training and update manuals for county election officials; update the agency's website; update public documents and information; and work with media, political parties, candidates, and the public to ensure knowledge of the new requirements that must be followed to be a write-in candidate for selected offices. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 221 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates SB 221 could have a fiscal effect on counties' labor costs depending on the number of affidavits filed with the county election offices; however, the Association is unable to estimate the fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
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