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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 366 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 366 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 366 would require county election officials to receive a request from a voter for an application for an advance voting ballot prior to mailing such application to the voter. No portion of the application would be filled out prior to its mailing.

In addition, current law requires solicitations by mail to a voter to file an application for an advance voting ballot to have an exterior label in 14-point font or larger. SB 366 would change the size of the font to 12-point or larger.

The Secretary of State 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 prohibition on mailing advance ballot applications as contained in SB 366. The agency also indicates SB 366 would have a fiscal effect on county election office budgets. The offices would need additional workers to process the increase in the volume of calls requesting applications, forms, postage, and printing costs. Depending on the election, costs could range from a few hundred dollars to thousands of dollars per election, per county. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 366 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates SB 366 would have a fiscal effect on the counties; however, the Association is unable to estimate the fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

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