



February 19, 2013

The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwab:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2271 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2271 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2271 would move all municipal elections for extension districts, cities, boards of public utilities, water districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, unified school districts, and community colleges from the spring of odd-numbered years to the fall of even-numbered years to coincide with national, state, and county elections beginning January 1, 2014. All primary elections would be held on the first Tuesday in August and all general elections would be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The terms of these offices would be four years and would commence on the second Monday in January following the general election.

In addition, the bill would alter the format of ballot rotation for any election, where candidates' names are rotated so each candidate's name appears at the top of the list an equal number of times. The bill would make all elections for local school district boards of education and community college boards of trustees at-large rather than elected by member districts. The bill would make all municipal elections partisan rather than nonpartisan.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that the costs associated with training county election offices as would be necessitated with the passage of HB 2271 could be absorbed within existing resources. However, the Office estimates that the bill would increase total expenditures for county election offices by \$566,000 in FY 2014. The Office indicates that it costs approximately \$76,000 to add one race to a ballot. The Office anticipates four races would be added to the general election ballot as a result of the bill for a total of \$304,000 ($\$76,000 \times 4 = \$304,000$). In addition, the Office anticipates that three races would be added to the primary election for a total of \$228,000 ($\$76,000 \times 3 \text{ races} = \$228,000$). Finally, the Office indicates that 68,000 voters would participate in city primaries that would be conducted as a result of this bill. The Office estimates the costs for printing ballots for these voters would be \$34,000 at a cost of

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\$0.50 per ballot ($68,000 \times \$0.50 = \$34,000$). The Office indicates that county election offices should be able to absorb these additional costs for training poll workers and programming voting equipment.

Sincerely,



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