

March 1, 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 2364 by House Committee on General Government
Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2364 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Office of the Secretary of State is required to publish concurrent resolutions which propose to amend the *Kansas Constitution* in one newspaper in each county of the state once per week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding the election at which the resolution is submitted. HB 2364 would eliminate the requirement that concurrent resolutions be published in a newspaper and allow the resolutions to be published on the Secretary of State and State of Kansas websites within 30 days of final adoption by both houses of the Kansas Legislature. The Secretary of State would be required to advertise the resolutions by press release to one news media outlet in each county that is present at least 30 days preceding the election.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that there are currently 15 concurrent resolutions under consideration this legislative session and the cost to publish each of these resolutions range from approximately \$18,000 to \$347,000. The Office estimates the total cost to publish all of these constitutional amendments under existing requirements would be approximately \$2.2 million. While it is unlikely that all or even most of the resolutions would pass, no matter the cost, reimbursement from the State General Fund would be requested in FY 2015. Passage of HB 2364 would eliminate these FY 2015 State General Fund expenditures. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2364 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Courtney Canfield, Secretary of State's Office