

February 25, 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 159 by Senator Faust-Goudeau

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 159 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires persons applying for a Kansas drivers' license or a nondriver identification card to "opt in" if they wish the application to also serve as a voter registration application. SB 159 would amend the law so that persons applying for a drivers' license or a nondriver identification card would need to "opt out" of the voter registration option if they do not wish to be registered to vote. The bill would also require the Secretary of State to take appropriate measures to educate the public about voter registration through such applications. A person who is not eligible to vote and who otherwise accurately and truthfully completes the application, but fails to decline to register to vote, would not be considered to have made a false statement, committed perjury or submitted a false voter identification application.

The Secretary of State reports that enactment of SB 159 would cause additional expenditures for the agency as a public information campaign is not currently included in the agency budget and could not be accomplished within existing resources. The agency would also need to upgrade training materials for county election office personnel and for Division of Motor Vehicles' personnel. The agency indicates that enactment of the bill would result in additional expenditures for county election offices; however, those expenditures are not expected to be significant. The Kansas Department of Revenue reports that enactment of the bill would have no effect on expenditures or revenues for the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 159 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that enactment of SB 159 should not have a significant effect on expenditures for Kansas counties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. L. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Larry L. Campbell
Division of the Budget

cc: Bryan Caskey, Office of the Secretary of State
Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue
Jay Hall, Association of Counties