

January 21, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Statehouse, Room 223A-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 256 by Senator Denning

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 256 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires certain corporations, companies and trustees that make contributions or expenditures related to the nomination or election of a person to public office or intended to aid, promote or antagonize a political party to comply with the provisions of the Campaign Finance Act and establishes penalties for violations of the Act by any of those entities. SB 256 would repeal these statutes.

Current law concerning presidential preference primary elections establishes the requirements for the canvass and certification of the election by the county board of canvassers and by the state board of canvassers; the requirements for certification of election results to a political party; selection of delegates and alternates to a national party convention; binding of delegates and alternates; and adoption and filing of party rules; as well as the requirements for boards of county commissioners to certify to the Secretary of State the amounts of direct expenses related to presidential preference primary elections. Existing statutes also establish requirements for registered electors to be eligible to vote at presidential preference primary elections, as well as the requirements for nominees for President of the United States to be shown on presidential preference primary ballots and the format, marking, return, canvass and order of names on those ballots. SB 256 would repeal these statutes.

According to the Secretary of State, enactment of SB 256 would have no fiscal effect on the agency budget. The Governmental Ethics Commission also reports that enactment of this bill would have no fiscal effect on its budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. L. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Larry L. Campbell
Division of the Budget

cc: Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State