January 19, 2024

The Honorable Pat Proctor, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Proctor:

SUBJECT:    Fiscal Note for HB 2496 by Representative V. Miller, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2496 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2496 would enact the Interstate Compact on the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. The agreement would take effect when states that cumulatively possess a majority of the electoral votes have enacted the agreement in substantially the same form. Among other provisions, the bill would establish the requirements for membership in the Compact, the right of the people in the member states to vote for the President and Vice-President, the manner of appointing Presidential electors in member states, and define terms used in the bill. The bill would amend existing law concerning the convening and duties of the electors and require the electors of the President and Vice-President to vote according to the presidential slate receiving the largest national popular vote total.

According to the Secretary of State, enactment of HB 2496 would have no effect on the agency’s expenditures or revenues. Updating of materials provided to the general public concerning the change in the election process would be financed within the agency’s existing resources. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the counties.

Sincerely,

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc:   Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
      Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State