

February 28, 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 2266 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2266 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Governmental Ethics Commission does not have any jurisdiction over question-submitted elections and only candidates who run for school board in the city of Wichita fall under the Campaign Finance Act. HB 2266 would bring question-submitted elections and all candidates for school board races in the state under this Act.

The Governmental Ethics Commission estimates that the costs associated with bringing 1,000 school board members under the Campaign Finance Act as required in HB 2266 would increase its expenditures by \$22,945 from the State General Fund in FY 2015. The estimate includes expenditures of \$19,200 that would occur in every odd-numbered year, of which \$12,500 would be for one temporary employee retained for five months to process candidate applications, monitor filings, and review receipts and expenditures reports; and \$6,700 to print and mail notices, handbooks, reporting forms, and other information to each candidate and his or her county treasurer. The estimate also includes one-time costs of \$3,745 to purchase a computer, printer, calculator, desk, chair, and two filing cabinets.

The Commission estimates the bill would increase expenditures from the State General Fund by \$1,925 in every even-numbered year to retain the temporary employee for one month. The Commission is unable to estimate the fiscal effect associated with bringing question-submitted elections under the Campaign Finance Act because it cannot determine how many question-submitted elections would occur in any given year. Further, the Commission indicates it has not provided a revenue estimate for this bill because the bill does not include any provisions which assess fees for school board candidates; however, all candidates currently

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under the Act pay a filing fee. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2266 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA  
Director of the Budget

cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics  
Courtney Canfield, Secretary of State's Office