

February 10, 2022

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Transparency and Ethics
Statehouse, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

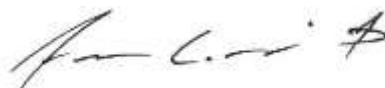
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 429 by Senate Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 429 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office, other than candidates elected on a state-wide basis, to be filed with the Secretary of State. Reports for state-wide office are required to be filed electronically with the Secretary of State. SB 429 would amend the law to require reports for all state offices filed by treasurers to be filed electronically but would allow a candidate for state office to request an exemption from the electronic filing requirement, which may be granted for cause by the Governmental Ethics Commission.

The Governmental Ethics Commission estimates that enactment of SB 429 would result in cost savings for candidates who file electronically, as the agency would not require paper copies of expenditure reports and would likely require fewer Errors and Omissions Reports. The agency is unable to estimate the amount of savings that would be realized from candidates who would request waivers for cause. It is expected, however, that savings from enactment of the bill would continue to increase over time, as printing and mailing reports would become largely unnecessary, and the electronic filing system would adjust to catch more errors at the time of filing. The Office of the Secretary of State indicates enactment of SB 429 would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 429 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

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