

March 1, 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 486 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 486 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

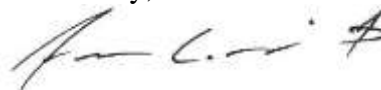
SB 486 would amend the Campaign Finance Act by expanding the definition of “local office.” The amended definition would include any elected office of a unified school district or community college whose administrative office is located in a county with a population of not less than 115,000.

The Governmental Ethics Commission estimates additional State General Fund expenditures of \$3,498 in FY 2023 would be required if the bill is enacted. The Commission indicates that by placing more elections under the jurisdiction of the agency, expenditures would increase for both printing and postage costs related to candidate packets, affidavits, receipts and expenditure reports, failure to file notices, and error and omission notices. The Commission states the agency would attempt to absorb any increased workload within existing staff; however, if an additional FTE position is needed, the agency would require additional funding from the State General Fund.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates there would be no fiscal effect on agency operations if the bill is enacted. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 486 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor’s Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states there would be no fiscal effect on counties resulting from the enactment of SB 486.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties
Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State