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The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chairperson House Committee on Elections Statehouse, Room 151-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwab:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2592 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2592 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2592 would prohibit candidates for elective offices, who either withdraw their candidacies or lose in the primary election, from running in the general election. In the event that a state senator, representative or board of education member dies while in office, the bill would require the Office of the Secretary of State to notify, in writing, the appropriate county party chair of the need to call a district party convention to choose a successor. The bill would prohibit county party chairs from filling vacancies in party precinct committee positions prior to receiving notice from the Secretary of State of the need to call a district convention. Each precinct committee person would be limited to casting four proxy votes for other precinct committee members at a district convention.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that the expenditures to send written notices to county chairs resulting from the enactment of HB 2592 would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,

Jon Hummell,

Interim Director of the Budget