

February 19, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government  
Statehouse, Room 223-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 129 by Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 129 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 129 would amend existing law concerning election polling places to give county election officers the authority to allow all voters within a county to vote at any polling place on Election Day, providing all rules and regulations as established by the Secretary of State are followed.

According to the Secretary of State, enactment of SB 129 would have a minor fiscal effect on the agency as it would need to update and create new training and educational materials to implement the provisions of the new law. In addition, the law would need to be explained and publicized to ensure voter awareness and prevent confusion. While some of the costs may be absorbed into existing resources, the agency indicates that the public education campaign is not currently in the agency budget but does not provide an estimate of what those costs might amount to. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 129 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, enactment of SB 129 could cause significant costs to Kansas counties with regard to the administrative and technical costs of overseeing an election. However, the Association is unable to estimate what those costs might amount to.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties  
Bryan Caskey, Office of the Secretary of State