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The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 208 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 208 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 208 would set the requirements for county election offices to use remote ballot boxes to collect advance voting ballots. A county would only have one remote ballot box located inside the county election office and would have two individuals of different affiliated parties continuously observing the box. The bill would require the Secretary of State to implement and enforce rules and regulations regarding use of remote ballot boxes.

The Secretary of State indicates it would implement SB 208 using existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 208 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates it could incur additional labor costs to provide continual observation of the remote ballot boxes depending on if the individuals are hired or volunteer. Signage posted with the ballot boxes also could be an additional cost; however, the Association is not able to estimate the fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

Adam Proffitt

Director of the Budget