

February 18, 2019

The Honorable Bill Sutton, Chairperson  
House Committee on Elections  
Statehouse, Room 274-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Sutton:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2176 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2176 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2176 would amend existing law concerning the handling of ballots to prohibit any person, unless otherwise authorized by law, from knowingly collecting voted or unvoted ballots. Violating this prohibition would be a severity level 9, nonperson felony.

According to the Secretary of State, enactment of HB 2176 would increase expenditures for the agency by and estimated amount of \$10,000 in each of the next two fiscal years. The expenditures would be to update training and educational materials and to provide training to local county election officials, law enforcement officials and members of the general public. The agency indicates that these costs could be managed with existing resources.

According to the Kansas Sentencing Commission, enactment of the bill could have an effect on prison admissions, prison bed space and workload of the Commission but these effects cannot be determined from the data. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2176 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties reports that enactment of HB 2176 would have no fiscal effect on Kansas counties.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties  
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission  
Linda Kelly, Corrections  
Bryan Caskey, Office of the Secretary of State