

February 11, 2020

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

Dear Representative Sutton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2560 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2560 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office, other than candidates elected on a state-wide basis, to be filed with the Secretary of State. Reports for state-wide office are required to be filed electronically with the Secretary of State. HB 2560 would amend the law to require reports for all state offices filed by treasurers to be filed electronically, but would allow a candidate for state office to request an exemption from the electronic filing requirement, which may be granted for cause by the Governmental Ethics Commission.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2020 SGF	FY 2020 All Funds	FY 2021 SGF	FY 2021 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	--	(\$3,000)
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Governmental Ethics Commission reports that enactment of HB 2560 would result in a reduction to expenditures of approximately \$3,000 in odd-numbered years due to cost-savings for data entry temporary assistance. Additional savings are expected as candidates who file electronically would not require paper copies of expenditure reports and would likely require fewer Errors and Omissions Reports. The agency is unable to estimate the amount of savings that would be realized from candidates who would request waivers for cause. It is expected, however, that

savings from enactment of the bill would continue to increase over time, as printing and mailing reports would become largely unnecessary and the electronic filing system would adjust to catch more errors at the time of filing. The Secretary of State was unable to provide information regarding the fiscal effect enactment of HB 2560 would have on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2560 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. L. Campbell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics