

February 27, 2024

The Honorable Rick Billinger, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 548-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Billinger:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 524 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

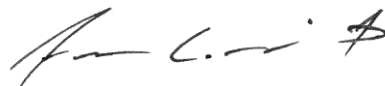
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 524 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 524 would amend current law pertaining to the election of members of the board of directors of irrigation districts. The bill would amend the terms of office of board members to include a three-year term, if established by the board of directors by passage of a resolution. Current law states that members of the board can only serve a two- or four-year term. Additionally, the bill would allow boards to adopt a procedure listed in current law for election by mail ballot for boards of a district of more than 35,000 acres.

The Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Water Office indicate that the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the enactment of the bill could create some cost savings for counties from to the utilization of mail ballots as opposed to in-person voting; however, the cost savings would depend on the number of elections and most likely would be negligible.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties  
Lita Biggs, Department of Agriculture  
Debra Jones, Kansas Water Office