

February 28, 2013

The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chairperson  
House Committee on Elections  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwab:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2281 by Representative Finney et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2281 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

The 2011 Legislature passed the Secure and Fair Elections Act (SAFE), which includes three major components: (1) beginning January 1, 2012, each voter is required to show photographic identification when voting in any official election in Kansas, with certain specific exceptions; (2) beginning January 1, 2013, each person registering to vote for the first time in Kansas is required to provide proof of United States citizenship during the registration process; and (3) beginning January 1, 2012, new procedures were put in place to enhance the security of the ballot for each person voting an advance ballot by mail.

HB 2281 would repeal the provisions which require persons registering to vote for the first time in Kansas to provide proof of United States citizenship. The bill would also repeal provisions that require the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to provide a free birth certificate to any person who signs an affidavit swearing that he or she intends to register to vote, but lacks any of the acceptable documentation that proves United States citizenship.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that any fiscal effect associated with the passage of HB 2281 would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment estimates that the provision to eliminate the issuance of free birth certificates would increase its fee fund revenue by \$1,875 in FY 2014. The Department bases its estimate on the issuance of 125 free birth certificates during calendar year 2012 that would be issued for \$15 each upon passage of the bill ( $125 \times \$15 = \$1,875$ ). Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2281 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson".

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Director of the Budget

cc: Courtney Canfield, Secretary of State's Office