

May 4, 2012

The Honorable Michael O'Neal, Chairperson
House Committee on Redistricting
Statehouse, Room 370-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative O'Neal:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2795 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2795 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2795 would draw new district lines for the 40 Kansas Senate seats as required every ten years under the *Kansas Constitution*.

The Secretary of State indicates that HB 2795 would not increase its operating costs since it has already been planning for these changes. However, the agency indicates that unforeseen expenses would occur if the bill passes late or if it results in litigation. The Secretary of State indicates that county election offices would be required to reassign voters to the correct districts, configure and program voting equipment, and establish county elections in the voter registration database. If the district lines are not finalized in a timely manner, or if the effective date of new districts is delayed due to litigation, the counties could incur additional costs for vendor support to prepare for the county elections in a shortened timeframe. However, the Secretary of State is unable to estimate these costs because they will vary according to the size of the county, the type of voting equipment used, and the date when districts are finalized.

Sincerely,



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cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office
Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties