

February 17, 2011

The Honorable Terrie Huntington, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections
Statehouse, Room 235-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Huntington:

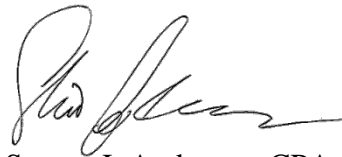
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 129 by Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 129 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, when a senator vacates office before October 15 of the second year of the term, an expedited election is held in November to elect a person to fill the office for the remaining two years of the term. If the vacancy occurs after October 15, a person selected by the political party and appointed by the Governor serves the remainder of the term without facing a midterm election. SB 129 would change the date when a senator vacates office and a special election or appointment is held from October 15 to May 1.

The Secretary of State indicates that SB 129 would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures. The Secretary of State indicates the effect of the bill on county election offices would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,



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