

February 28, 2014

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

Dear Representative Schwab:

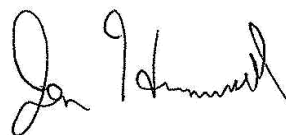
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2639 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2639 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, mail ballot elections are authorized for only question-submitted elections, not elections at which candidates are elected to public office. HB 2639 would amend the Mail Ballot Election Act by prohibiting mail ballot elections for tax or bond issues.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the inability to conduct special elections by mail ballot under the provisions of HB 2639 could increase costs for local governments since voting on those issues may have to be conducted by traditional walk-in elections with polling places and poll workers. The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that any fiscal effect resulting from the enactment of HB 2639 would have a negligible fiscal effect on its operations, but could decrease election costs for local governments since it is likely that there would be fewer elections to conduct.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,  
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office  
Melissa Wangemann, KAC