

January 28, 2015

The Honorable Mark Kahrs, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 286-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kahrs:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2108 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2108 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2108 would add straight party ticket voting in general elections. Straight party ticket voting would allow voters to vote for all candidates of one party for all offices on the ballot by selecting a single party designation. If a voter chose one or more candidates of a different party, or chose to write in a candidate's name, that would override the straight ticket selection.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that HB 2108 would increase expenditures related to the revision of training programs and materials, but those costs would be negligible. The Office indicates the bill would increase expenditures for local election offices to prepare and print ballots, program vote tabulation equipment, and incorporate the new information into poll worker training programs, but is unable to determine the cost statewide. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2108 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office