

January 18, 2017

The Honorable Kristey Williams, Chairperson
House Committee on Local Government
Statehouse, Room 165-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Williams:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2006 by Representative Claeys

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2006 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2006 would change current law by requiring vacancies created by an increase in the number of country commissioner districts in a county pursuant to KSA 19-204 to be filled by special election. Under current law, those vacancies are filled by gubernatorial appointment.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that county wide elections tend to be the most expensive election to conduct for county governments but the actual cost of elections can vary from county to county. The Association estimates the cost to conduct a county wide election can range from \$2 to \$4 per registered voter; those estimates were derived from results of a survey administered to county officials. The Association also notes that less populated counties tend to have a higher per-voter cost than more densely populated counties.

The League of Kansas Municipalities estimates that there would be no fiscal effect on cities. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2006 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Brock Ingmire, League of Municipalities
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties