

January 13, 2017

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

Dear Representative Esau:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2017 by Representative Esau

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2017 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires the Governor to proclaim the date of an election to address a vacancy in the office of a United States representative to Congress to be not less than 45 days and not more than 60 days from the date of the proclamation. Not less than 25 days after the proclamation, political parties whose candidate for governor received no less than 5.0 percent of the votes at the preceding election must call a congressional district convention to nominate a candidate. Independent candidates can be nominated by a petition signed by not less than 4.0 percent of the number of qualified voters of the congressional district, and the petition must be filed no later than the time that the district party convention certificates are required to be filed. Canvass of this election must be made by the county boards of canvassers on the second day following the election and the State Board of Canvassers must meet on the fourth day following the election.

HB 2017 would change the requirement for the date of the election to not less than 75 days and not more than 90 days from the date of the proclamation. Political parties that have obtained official recognition would then call for a convention not less than 15 days and not more than 25 days after the proclamation. Independent candidates could be nominated by a petition signed by not less than 1,000 qualified voters of the district, and the petition must be filed not later than 25 days after the proclamation. County boards of canvassers and the State Board of Canvassers must meet on the third and sixth day, respectively, following the election. The bill also makes a number of technical corrections and would take effect on publication in the *Kansas Register*.

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According to the Secretary of State, passage of HB 2017 would not have an effect on the agency expenditures or revenues. The changes that would be made are administrative in nature and can be accomplished within existing resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Linda Borrer, Secretary of State's Office