

March 1, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Statehouse, Room 223-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 208 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 208 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a vacancy on a board of county commissioners that was created by an increase in the number of county commissioner districts in a county pursuant to KSA 19-204 is filled by gubernatorial appointment. SB 208 would require a vacancy to be filled by special election. The special election date would be set by the Governor within five days of the board of county commissioners adopting a resolution to divide the county into the number of districts approved by voters.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of SB 208 would increase expenditures for counties. The Association estimates county wide elections cost around \$2 to \$4 per voter and less densely populated counties tend to have higher per-voter costs while more densely populated counties have higher set costs. However, the costs associated with the enactment of SB 208 would vary on a county by county basis and the fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties