

January 23, 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 43 by Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 43 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2017, passed by the 2017 Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, allows independent candidates to be nominated by petition of not less than 3,000 qualified voters in the congressional district. In addition, the bill changes the statutory dates that the county boards of canvassers and the State Board of Canvassers must meet to the third day and sixth day, respectively, following the elections of U.S. congressmen. HB 43 would amend HB 2017 to require independent candidates to be nominated by petition of not less than 3,000 qualified electors, rather than qualified voters. The bill would further amend HB 2017 to return the date of the intermediate county canvass to the statutory date currently required for all elections. The State Board of Canvassers would then be required to meet on the third day following the intermediate canvass. The bill also would make technical corrections.

According to the Secretary of State, passage of SB 43 would have no fiscal effect on the agency.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Linda Borrer, Secretary of State's Office