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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Olson
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 10, 2022

Subject: SB 388 – Return of advance voting ballots.

Senate Bill No. 388 (SB 388) would amend K.S.A. 25-1128, which governs the marking and return of advance voting ballots. Advance voting ballots are ballots sent by county election offices to registered voters that apply for an advance voting ballot so that the voter can complete and submit their ballot before election day. The statute currently provides that a voter or a person delivering the ballot on behalf of a voter may return the ballot in person or by mail.

SB 388 amends subsection (g) to require that the voter or person delivering the ballot on behalf of a voter return the ballot either in person or by mailing it specifically through the United States Postal Service.

If enacted, SB 388 would become effective on July 1, 2022.