

February 15, 2022

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2646 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

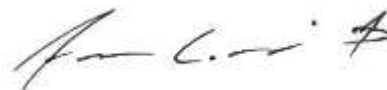
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2646 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2646 would establish specifications for paper ballots used in state and county elections and require reimbursement of county expenditures. The bill directs the Legislature to appropriate sufficient monies to the State Treasurer's Office to reimburse counties for expenditures for ballot paper in accordance with the specifications established in the statute.

The Kansas State Treasurer's Office indicates that HB 2646 could require the Office to ensure counties are in compliance with the paper ballots format. If the Office is responsible for assessing compliance, additional appropriation of funds would likely be required for staffing or contracting but the costs are unknown. If the Office is simply responsible for disbursing payments to counties, the costs would be minimal. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2646 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that HB 2646 could affect county government expenditures if the requirements change printing costs, or require re-configuration of templates, particularly if costs are not reimbursed on a continuing basis.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: John Hedges, Office of the Treasurer
Jay Hall, Association of Counties