

February 15, 2022

The Honorable Robert Olson, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
Statehouse, Room 144-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Olson:

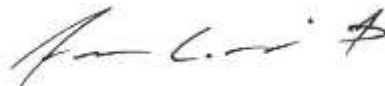
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 445 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 445 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 445 would prohibit county election offices from using any form of ballot box for the deposit of advance voting ballots except the locked ballot box located at the county election office or satellite advance voting site. The bill would require any ballot box located at the county election office or satellite advance voting site to be located inside the building and be continuously observed by an employee of the county election office during those times when the ballot box is accessible by the general public.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates the enactment of SB 445 would increase costs related to observing ballot boxes which would be offset by a decrease in maintenance costs due to a reduction in the number of ballot box sites.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties  
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State