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The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chairperson House Committee on Elections Statehouse, Room 561-W Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwab:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2715 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2715 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2715 would move the filing deadline for candidates for drainage district board of directors to the Tuesday, ten weeks preceding the general election held on the first Tuesday in April. The bill would require drainage district candidates and candidates for extension council boards of directors to pay a \$5 candidate filing fee to the county election office. The fee would be deposited in the county general fund.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that the \$5 fee instituted in HB 2715 would increase revenue to the general fund in those counties that have drainage districts and extension councils. Since the amount of revenue would depend on the number of candidates who file for the elections held in the spring of odd-numbered years and that number is unknown, a revenue estimate cannot be made. The Office indicates that any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of this legislation would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,

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