

February 13, 2023

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 209 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 209 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 209 would change the due date for advance voting ballots received by mail from the third day following the date of the election to 7:00 pm on the date of the election.

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to provide training and update manuals for county election officials; update the agency's website; update public documents and information; and work with media, public, political parties, candidates, and the public to notify the deadline change. In addition, the Secretary of State indicates that county election offices would have to update public information, conduct public outreach, and other activities to notify the public of the change in the deadline. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 209 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, the bill could have a fiscal effect on local government. The Association states that the shorter deadline could create the need for more election workers to process and receive ballots prior to and on the election day, which could be offset by the elimination of the grace period to receive mail in ballots. Therefore, the Association is unable to estimate a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
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