

March 13, 2012

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

Dear Representative Schwab:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2782 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2782 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2782 would require persons running for public office in Kansas to have the same qualifications as a qualified elector. These qualifications would include that the person be at least 18 years of age; a resident of the voting area in which the person seeks to vote; a United States citizen; and if elected, duly registered to vote before taking office. Appropriate documentation would be required as proof of citizenship when the person files as a candidate for office with the Secretary of State, or by seeking an assessment of evidence of United States citizenship by the State Election Board. A person would be allowed to provide, or the Secretary of State or county election officer would be allowed to obtain, satisfactory evidence of citizenship at a different time or in a different manner than when a person files for office, as long as the applicant's eligibility can be adequately assessed.

The Secretary of State indicates that the fiscal effect on agency operations and county election offices as a result of HB 2782 would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,



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cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office