

February 5, 2018

The Honorable Keith Esau, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Esau:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2504 by Representative Carpenter

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2504 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2504 would amend existing law concerning advance voting by requiring the Secretary of State to prescribe the general format of advance voting ballot envelopes. The bill would require the envelopes to include a signature block for the advance voter; a signature block for a person, if any, assisting the advance voter; and a signature block for a person, if any, who signs the advance voting ballot envelope on behalf of the advance voter in situations when the advance voter is physically unable to sign the envelope. The bill would also make technical corrections.

According to the Secretary of State, developing the general format of advance voting ballot envelopes could be accomplished within existing agency resources. The Kansas Association of Counties expects enactment of HB 2504 to have a fiscal effect only on counties that have invested in a large inventory of advance voting envelopes. These counties would need to discard that inventory and purchase new envelopes that would meet the statutory requirements.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Linda Borrer, Office of the Secretary of State
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties