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The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson Senate Committee on Transparency and Ethics Statehouse, Room 142-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 427 by Senate Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 427 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 427 would add a requirement that any entity expressly advocating for the nomination, election, or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office include a statement that contains clear and conspicuous identifying information of the entity. The bill would extend the time frame to schedule an investigative hearing from 30 days to 90 days for the Governmental Ethics Commission. The bill would add federal officers or employees to the list of individuals who may access material relating to investigations by the Governmental Ethics Commission. SB 427 would also make technical changes.

Both the Governmental Ethics Commission and the Office of the Secretary of State indicate enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the operations of either agency.

Sincerely,

Adam Proffitt

Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State Jay Hall, Association of Counties