

February 11, 2022

The Honorable Emil Bergquist, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Bergquist:

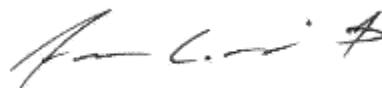
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2579 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2579 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office, other than candidates elected on a state-wide basis, to be filed with the Secretary of State. Reports for state-wide office are required to be filed electronically with the Secretary of State. HB 2579 would amend the law to require reports for all state offices filed by treasurers to be filed electronically but would allow a candidate for state office to request an exemption from the electronic filing requirement, which may be granted for cause by the Governmental Ethics Commission.

The Governmental Ethics Commission estimates that enactment of HB 2579 would result in cost savings for candidates who file electronically, as the agency would not require paper copies of expenditure reports and would likely require fewer Errors and Omissions Reports. The agency is unable to estimate the amount of savings that would be realized from candidates who would request waivers for cause. It is expected, however, that savings from enactment of the bill would continue to increase over time, as printing and mailing reports would become largely unnecessary, and the electronic filing system would adjust to catch more errors at the time of filing. The Office of the Secretary of State indicates enactment of HB 2579 would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2579 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State