

January 27, 2023

The Honorable Pat Proctor, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Proctor:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2053 by House Committee on Elections

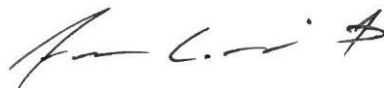
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2053 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2053 would require the Secretary of State by January 1, 2024, to adopt rules and regulations for the use of remote ballot boxes by county election officers for the return of advance voting ballots. The bill would define “remote ballot boxes” as any form of locked ballot box available for the use of depositing advance voting ballots that are not located in a county election office or satellite advance voting site.

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to draft and adopt new rules and regulations as well as provide training and update manuals for county election officials; update the agency’s website; update public documents and information; and work with media, political parties, candidates, and the public to ensure knowledge of the new rules and regulations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2053 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor’s Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the bill would not have a fiscal effect on counties.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State