

February 4, 2015

The Honorable Mark Kahrs, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
Statehouse, Room 286-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kahrs:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2183 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2183 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2183 would amend existing law to allow a statewide office holder, legislator or candidate for a state office to make a general public solicitation for campaign contributions via social media from January 2 through sine die adjournment of the Legislature. A solicitation of this type to specific individuals would still be prohibited. The bill would permit any message made via a social media provider that has a character limit of 140 characters or fewer to expressly advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office without the "paid for by" attribution statement. The bill would define social media as computer or cellphone websites or applications that enable users to create and share content and participate in public social networking. Elected officials who work in the statehouse would be allowed to use the wireless broadband connectivity provided in that building to expressly advocate the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office.

According to the Governmental Ethics Commission, passage of HB 2183 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics