

March 26, 2015

The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 136-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 279 by Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 279 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Article V of the *United States Constitution* describes the process to alter the Constitution. Amendments may be adopted and sent to the states for ratification by two-thirds of both the Senate and House of Representatives of United States Congress, or by a national convention assembled at the request of the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states. Amendments would then become part of the Constitution at the request of legislatures of three-fourths of the states, or by state ratifying conventions in three-fourths of the states.

SB 279 would establish the procedures for when an Article V national convention of the states is called. The members of the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives would be required to caucus by congressional district regardless of party affiliation. The initial meeting would occur no more than 30 days after the convention is called. Each congressional district caucus would be required to select one delegate and one alternate from former members of the Legislature whose aggregate number of years as a member is not less than eight. The terms of delegates and alternates would commence upon certification of appointment to the Secretary of State. The bill would establish a Joint Committee of Correspondence who would be responsible for communications with the delegate committee. The Joint Committee of Correspondence would be made up of ten members to include the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, one member of the House or Representatives appointed by each congressional district caucus, and one member of the Senate appointed by each congressional district caucus.

The Kansas Legislative Research Department estimates the enactment of SB 279 would increase its expenditures by \$119,869 when a national convention is called. The estimate includes \$68,089 for the cost of all 165 legislators to meet in Topeka to caucus and elect delegates and alternates by congressional district; \$4,050 for the delegate committee and one

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staff person to travel to and from Washington, D.C.; \$37,800 for food and lodging for 14 days; and \$9,930 for compensation for the delegate committee as former legislators. The estimate does not include mileage and per diem for costs associated with traveling to and from their homes to an airport. The Office of the Secretary of States indicates SB 279 would have no fiscal effect on its operations. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 279 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office
Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics
Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research