

January 29, 2015

The Honorable Mitch Holmes, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections
Statehouse, Room 237-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Holmes:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 78 by Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 78 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires treasurers for candidates for state-wide offices to file specified reports electronically with the Secretary of State. SB 78 would expand that requirement to include treasurers for candidates for the Kansas House of Representatives and Senate.

The Governmental Ethics Commission currently mails reports to be filled out and filed to the treasurers of all candidates for the House of Representatives and Senate. The agency estimates that passage of SB 78 would result in reductions to expenditures in the amount of \$783 from the State General Fund for printing and postage costs for approximately 440 receipts and expenditures reports in FY 2016. In FY 2017, the agency estimates the reduction to expenditures from the State General Fund for printing and mailing three reports to an anticipated 361 candidates would be \$1,928.

Information on the fiscal effect of SB 78 was not available from the Secretary of State. However, because passage of the bill would only change the numbers of electronic filings, not the procedure or system for handling those filings, it is expected that there would be little or no fiscal effect on that agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 78 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Carol Williams, Governmental Ethics
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