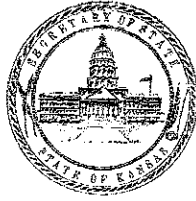


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## STATE OF KANSAS

### House Committee on Elections

#### Testimony on HB 2012

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2012. The Secretary of State's office is neutral on this bill. This bill, if passed, would require the Secretary of State to provide, at no cost, the statewide voter registration database on a quarterly basis to each recognized political party.

The Secretary of State's office is a fee funded agency, and with few exceptions, does not use state general fund dollars for agency operations. Although the impact of this bill is a few thousand dollars per year, it is important to remember these are fee funds used by the Secretary of State, and not state general fund.

There are currently three recognized political parties. In 2012, there were five political parties. The current cost of the statewide voter registration database is \$200. This fee has been consistent since the implementation of the statewide voter registration system (ELVIS) in 2006. Under the current cost and number of political parties, the loss of revenue to the Secretary of State would be \$2,400.

The Secretary of State does not provide the statewide voter registration database free of charge to any entity currently. Every year, the office receives requests for the data at no cost from colleges, universities, non-profits and private citizens. This would be the first instance of the Secretary of State's office providing data at no charge.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning this bill this afternoon, and I stand for questions.