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The Honorable Emil Bergquist, Chairperson House Committee on Elections Statehouse, Room 218-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Bergquist:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2555 by Representative Proctor

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2555 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2555 would require each county election officer to send a forwardable confirmation notice to each registered voter who has had no election-related activity for any four calendar year period. The notice would request the voter to confirm they want to remain a registered voter or cancel their voter registration record. The bill defines election-related activity as voting, attempting to vote, requesting or submitting an advance ballot application, filing an updated voter registration card, or responding to any official election mailing.

The Kansas Office of the Secretary of States indicates costs associated with the enactment of HB 2555 related to updating training materials, providing training to local election officials, and updating voter outreach materials to inform the voting public could be absorbed within existing resources. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates HB 2555 would increase costs for counties related to postage, labor and supplied necessary for mailing forwardable notices to a new class of registered voters; however, the costs would vary by each county's population size and the number of personnel and supplies it requires. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2555 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

Adam Proffitt

Director of the Budget