

May 2, 2012

The Honorable Michael O'Neal, Chairperson
House Committee on Redistricting
Statehouse, Room 370-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative O'Neal:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2791 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2791 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2791 would move the 2012 state primary election from August 7 to August 28. In addition, the bill would move other associated dates, including:

1. The candidate filing deadline from June 10 to July 1, if new boundary lines are defined and districts established on or after May 15;
2. The dates when voters may apply for advance ballots from between April 1 and the last business day preceding the primary election to between April 1 and April 24;
3. The deadline for counties to submit their election abstracts to the Office of the Secretary of State from the second Tuesday after any election to 14 days after the election;
4. The date of the state canvass of the election from no later than September 1 following the election to September 18, if new boundary lines are defined and districts established on or after May 15; and
5. The dates for party district conventions to fill vacancies in candidacies from within 21 days to within five days of the receipt of the notice that the vacancy has occurred, if new boundary lines are defined and districts established on or after May 15.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates that HB 2791 would have no fiscal effect on its operations, but that costs to counties and local governments could increase since the

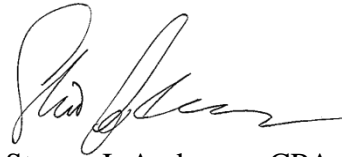
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provisions in the bill reduce the amount of time allowed for completion of necessary elections work. However, the Office indicates this it is impossible to predict an amount. A request to provide fiscal effect information has been sent to the Kansas Association of Counties, and we are awaiting a response from them to complete the fiscal note. As soon as the necessary information is received, the fiscal note will be revised to reflect any possible fiscal effect to counties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office
Melissa Wangemann, KAC