

March 12, 2012

The Honorable Tim Owens, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Reapportionment
Statehouse, Room 559-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Owens:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 455 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 455 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 455 would draw new district lines for the 40 Kansas Senate seats as required every ten years under the Kansas Constitution.

The Secretary of State indicates that SB 455 would not increase its operating costs since it has already been planning for these changes. However, the agency indicates that unforeseen expenses would occur if the bill passes late or if it results in litigation. The Secretary of State indicates that county election offices would be required to reassign voters to the correct districts, configure and program voting equipment, and establish county elections in the voter registration database. If the district lines are not finalized in a timely manner, or if the effective date of new districts is delayed due to litigation, the counties could incur additional costs for vendor support to prepare for the county elections in a shortened timeframe. However, the Secretary of State is unable to estimate these costs because they will vary according to the size of the county, the type of voting equipment used, and the date when districts are finalized.

Sincerely,



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cc: Desiree Taliaferro, Secretary of State's Office