

January 24, 2024

The Honorable Pat Proctor, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Proctor:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2512 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2512 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

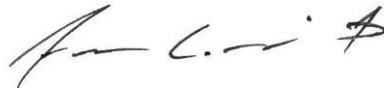
Current election law requires applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person, to be filed with the county election officer no later than 12:00 pm on the day preceding an election or the Saturday preceding the election. HB 2512 would change the first deadline to 7:00 pm on the second day preceding the election and allow the application to be filed also on Sunday preceding the election.

HB 2512 would also require advance voting ballots returned by personal delivery and all ballots cast by advance in-person voting to be delivered to the county election office no later than 7:00 pm on the second day preceding the date of the election. County election officials would be authorized to allow these ballots to be delivered or cast on the Saturday or Sunday preceding the election.

The Secretary of State would use existing resources to update training materials for county election officials and update educational and promotional materials to the voting public to ensure knowledge of the new deadlines for advance voting ballot applications and advance voting ballots contained in HB 2512. The agency also indicates HB 2512 would have a fiscal effect on county election office budgets. If the election offices are open on Sunday, this would require employees to work and be paid for overtime. Employees would be packing and distributing election supplies and equipment on Monday before the election. The agency estimates costs would range from a few hundred dollars to several thousand dollars per county. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2512 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties enactment of HB 2512 could have a fiscal effect on the counties because the bill changes the timing of in-person advance voting. However, the Association is unable to estimate the fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State