

February 5, 2007

The Honorable Mike Burgess, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections and Governmental Organization
Statehouse, Room 128-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Burgess:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2259 by Representative Holland, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2259 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2259 would require county election offices that use electronic voting machines to be equipped with a voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) by January 1, 2008. A VVPAT is a device that produces a paper record of each electronic ballot. The bill would prohibit the Secretary of State from approving any electronic voter machines that do not include VVPATs, and from spending any funds on electronic voter machines unless they are equipped with VVPATs.

The Secretary of State estimates the number of electronic voting machines without VVPATs owned by Kansas counties is 3,428. The cost to retrofit an electronic voting machine with a VVPAT would be \$700 per unit for a total cost to counties of \$2,399,600. The bill would have no fiscal effect on the operations of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,



Duane A. Goossen
Director of the Budget

cc: Christy Harvey, Secretary of State's Office