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POST-TURNAROUND STATUS OF ETHICS AND ELECTIONS BILLS

Bills Assigned (or Likely to Be Assigned) to House Elections

Bill Number	Description	Last Version	Current Status
SB 28	Increase the threshold, from \$100 to \$1,000 in any calendar year, below which a person spending money on activity that meets the definition of lobbying would not be required to register as a lobbyist.	S-Eth/Elec	H-Elec.
SB 77	Increase KGEC fees.	Intro.	Passed in Senate
Sub. SB 171	Move spring elections to the fall of odd-numbered years (one exception); keep them nonpartisan; school districts must provide polling places at county election officer's request; require special election to fill city or consolidated city and county vacancy under certain circumstances (SB 10 as amended by S-Eth/Elec).	S-COW	Passed in Senate

Bills Assigned to Senate Ethics and Elections

Bill Number	Description	Last Version	Current Status
SB 87	Prohibit Secretary of State from establishing a political committee (exempt bill).	Intro.	S-Eth/Elec
SB 239	Delay presidential preference primary to 2019 (exempt bill).	Intro.	S-Eth/Elec
HB 2104	(a) For any national, state, county, or township office, delete language allowing a candidate to withdraw his or her candidacy after the primary election due to being incapable of fulfilling the duties of office, leaving only the contingency of death as a reason to withdraw a candidate's name from the ballot; (b) Shall means shall.	Intro.	S-Eth/Elec
HB 2183	For wireless communications in government buildings and campaign communications <i>via</i> social media anywhere: (a) Allow a general public solicitation for campaign contributions during legislative session not targeted toward a specific individual and which is distributed <i>via</i> social media; (b) eliminate the requirement to include "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" where otherwise required if such communication is made over any social media provider that has a character limit of 200	H-Elec.	S-Eth/Elec

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	<p>characters;</p> <p>(c) define “social media” for the purposes of this act as an electronic medium allowing users to create and view user-generated content, with some content examples given in the definition; and</p> <p>(d) modify current law prohibiting officers or employees of the state or any municipality from using any public money, equipment, supplies or employee work time to expressly advocate for or against a clearly identified candidate (done by creating an exemption allowing the use of Internet connectivity provided by the State of Kansas or any municipality to any candidate or elected official).</p>		

Bills Assigned to Other Than House Elections or Senate Ethics and Elections

Bill Number	Description	Last Version	Current Status
HB 2182	<p>(a) Allow any political committee established by a state committee of any political party and designated as a recognized political committee for the Senate or the House of Representatives to receive a contribution during Legislative Session;</p> <p>(b) Allow a general public solicitation for campaign contributions during Legislative Session not targeted toward a specific individual and which is distributed <i>via</i> social media.</p>	H-Elec.	H-Approp.
HB 2213	<p>(a) Increase campaign contribution limits (most would double; for Senate, state Board of Education, and certain county officials, increases would more than double);</p> <p>(b) allow candidate to receive, but not spend, contributions received for general election during primary election period.</p>	H-Elec.	H-Approp.
HB 2215	Transfer of campaign funds to a <i>bona fide</i> successor committee or candidacy.	Intro.	H-Approp.
SB 26	Allow expenses incurred by the candidate or the candidate's spouse for travel and lodging in relation to special events sponsored by any organization, the major purpose of which is to promote or facilitate the social, business, commercial, or economic well-being of the local community or the state, to be paid from moneys received by the candidate or candidate committee as a contribution.	S-Eth/Elec	S-GO
SB 42	Require lobbyists to report lobbying expenditures of public funds.	S-Eth/Elec	Reported out of S-Eth/Elec