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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2048

As Amended by House Committee on
Ethics and Elections

Brief*

HB 2048 amends the Campaign Finance Act by changing: the dates allowed for campaign contributions in primary and general elections cycles; the reporting dates for candidates' filing reports; and the dates allowing lobbyists and political committees to contribute to candidates.

For the primary election cycle, the time is changed for which a candidate may receive contributions. Contributions received from the first day following the general election until the date of the next ensuing primary election would be allocated to the primary election. Contributions received from the primary election date to the date of the next ensuing general election would be allocated to that general election.

For campaign finance reports filed January 10 after an election year, the reports shall include contributions received and expenditures made 11 days prior to the general election through midnight on the day of the general election. Current law has the ending date as December 31. Campaign finance reports filed on January 10, when no election is held, would change to the beginning of the day after the preceding general election through the calendar year following such election.

Lobbyists, political committees, or persons other than an individual, would be allowed to contribute to legislators until the preceding day of the start of the legislative session. Current law prohibits them from contributing after January 1.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org/kldr>

Background

Testimony in favor of the bill was presented by Representative Wilson.

The Governmental Ethics Commission provided background information in its testimony.

The Committee amended the provisions of HB 2094 into HB 2048.

The fiscal note indicates no fiscal impact on the state budget.