

SESSION OF 2004

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 502

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 502, as amended, would permit a precinct committeeman or committeewoman to vote by proxy at a district convention for vacancies in a district or State Board of Education office or a candidacy for such office, whenever the precinct committeeman or committeewoman is unable to attend and vote at the convention.

Background

Kansas state law sets out procedures for filling vacancies in various elected offices and candidacies. Specific statutory citations and the vacancies to which they pertain include:

- KSA 25-3902 and KSA 25-3904 – Vacancy in a district office and a party candidacy for a district office.
- KSA 25-3902a and KSA 25-3904a – Vacancy in the State Board of Education and a party candidacy for the State Board of Education.

The above statutes authorize precinct committeemen and committeewomen to select individuals to fill these vacancies at conventions held for this purpose. These laws currently do not allow for proxy voting.

Senator Kay O'Connor introduced the bill. No others appeared to testify.

*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>

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to expand its application to all precinct committeemen and committeewomen. The original bill would have applied only to those who were also legislators unable to attend and vote at conventions due to legislative business.

A fiscal note on the amended bill was not available at the time of passage by the Committee.