

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2618** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with Senate Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, following line 6, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 25-2436 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2436. (a) The provisions of this section shall be known and may be cited as the transparency in revenues underwriting elections act.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Election official" means any county election officer or the chief state election official, as such terms are defined in K.S.A. 25-2504, and amendments thereto, and any officer or employee of such election official.

(2) "Federal government" means any branch, agency, department, office, bureau or instrumentality of the government of the United States.

(3) "Governmental agency" means the state or any agency or political subdivision or instrumentality thereof.

(4) "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, company, organization, political party, political committee or any other private entity.

(c) (1) No election official shall knowingly accept or expend any moneys, directly or indirectly, from any person, except as provided in any acts of appropriation or as otherwise provided by state law, for any expenditures related to conducting, funding or otherwise facilitating the administration of an election pursuant to law.

(2) No governmental agency, including, but not limited to, any election official, shall

knowingly accept or expend any moneys, directly or indirectly, from the federal government, except as provided in any acts of appropriation or as otherwise provided by state law, for any expenditures related to conducting, funding or otherwise facilitating the administration of an election pursuant to law or for any election-related activities, including, but not limited to, voter registration and voter assistance. Provided that such expenditures are authorized by acts of appropriation or state law, any moneys received from the federal government shall only be expended for those purposes authorized by an act of congress appropriating such moneys.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(1) Any moneys collected by an election official from the payment of fees or assessed costs as required by law; or

(2) any moneys received as campaign contributions for any candidate for the office of county clerk.

(e) A violation of this section is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.";

Also on page 1, in line 24, after "K.S.A." by inserting "25-2436 and"; also in line 24, by striking "is" and inserting "are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking "the"; also in line 1, by striking all after "election"; in line 2, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "crimes; prohibiting the use of funds provided by the United States government for the conduct of elections or election-related activities unless approved by the legislature"; in line 3, by striking "such criminal" and inserting "the"; also in line 3, after "offense" by inserting "of false representation of an election official"; also in line 3, after "K.S.A." by inserting "25-2436 and"; in line 4, by striking "section"

and inserting "sections";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

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