

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2022

As Recommended by House Committee on
Elections

Brief*

HB 2022 would amend the definition of “special election” in election law of general application to clarify that a special election shall not be held within 45 days before or after a general or primary election.

[*Note:* Current law states a special election shall not be held within 45 days of a general or primary election.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections at the request of Representative Waggoner.

House Committee on Elections

In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State presented **proponent** testimony stating that the bill would clarify the intent of the 45-day provision, which the representative stated was always meant to be before or after an election to ensure a county election officer is not faced with a conflict between state and federal law regarding the time registration books may be closed.

No other testimony was provided.

*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 <https://klrd.gov/>

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to update training materials for local election officials and update educational and promotional materials for the voting public regarding the provisions of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2022 is not reflected in *The 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates the bill could have a fiscal effect on counties if there is an increase in special elections but is unable to estimate the fiscal effect.

Special election