

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 13

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Government Efficiency

Brief*

SB 13, as amended, would eliminate several filing requirements with the Office of the Secretary of State and make several conforming and technical changes.

The bill would make the following changes to filing requirements with the Secretary of State:

- Business agents, an individual representing a labor organization full time, would no longer be required to file the entity's constitution, bylaws, and annual reports [*Note: These will continue to be maintained online with the U.S. Department of Labor*];
- Employee organizations would no longer be required to file copies of their bylaws or governing rules;
- The State Board of Regents would no longer be required to file reciprocal agreements for use of educational facilities;
- The Secretary of Revenue would no longer be required to file annual reports related to tax abatement of motor carrier ad valorem tax liabilities, income tax compromises, and delinquent personal corporate income tax;

*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 Director of the Kansas Water Office would no longer be required to file copies of stream bank easements [*Note:* These will continue to be filed with the local county Registrar of Deeds]; and
- Bonded warehousemen would no longer be required to be licensed by, or file with, the Office of the Secretary of State.

The bill would also make technical and conforming changes.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Government Efficiency at the request of a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State (Office).

Senate Committee on Government Efficiency

In the Senate Committee hearing, a Deputy Secretary of State provided **proponent** testimony, stating the bill would repeal filings the Office no longer feels serve a useful purpose, or are redundant, and noted locations where the same filings may be found online with other entities. These filings fall into five general categories: reciprocal university agreements, tax abatements, stream bank easements, bonded warehouse filings, and labor organization filings.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by the Working Kansas Alliance.

No other testimony was provided

The Senate Committee amended the bill to continue the requirement for business agents to file with the Secretary of State.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Office of the Secretary of State indicates enactment of the bill would result in reduced expenditures totaling \$17,000 in FY 2026, all from its fee funds. The Office of the Attorney General, Kansas Water Office, and Office of Judicial Administration each indicated enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on their respective agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

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