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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 128**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Ethics and Elections

**Brief\***

SB 128 would change the date of the next presidential preference primary in Kansas from 2012 to 2016. It also would change the filing deadline for a candidate who wishes to appear on the ballot of the presidential preference primary, from February 12 to seven weeks before such an election. The bill would allow darkening of an oval, in addition to making a mark in a square, to indicate a vote in a presidential preference primary.

**Background**

A representative of the Secretary of State testified in support of the bill. There was no other testimony.

Since a statute authorizing a presidential preference primary in Kansas was enacted in 1978, such a primary has been held only twice, in 1980 and in 1992.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Secretary of State estimates a presidential preference primary in 2012 would increase expenditures from the State General Fund by \$1,321,122, to reimburse county election officials for procuring polling places, paying poll worker salaries, printing ballots, and tabulating results. *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report* does not include expenditures for the presidential preference primary election.

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\*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>