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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 130

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Ethics and Elections

Brief*

SB 130 would change candidate filing deadlines in years in which districts are reapportioned, in the following ways:

- If new districts are established in law on or before May 10 (a change from June 10), the deadline to file a nomination petition or declare intention to become a candidate would be June 10 (a change from June 24). (Because June 10, 2012, is a Sunday, the deadline in 2012 would be June 11.)
- If new districts are established in law after May 10, the candidate deadline would be June 18 (a change from June 12).

The bill also would remove outdated language and make technical changes.

Background

A representative of the Secretary of State provided testimony supporting the bill, stating the date changes are necessary to allow county election officials time to meet federal deadlines for mailing ballots to military and overseas voters. There was no other testimony.

*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 on Ethics and Elections amended the bill to remove a provision that would have decreased from 300 to 100 the number of signatures needed on a nomination petition for the office of member of the State Board of Education.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Secretary of State's office said the original bill would have no fiscal effect.