SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2296

<u>As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole</u>

Brief*

HB 2296 would amend the Campaign Finance Act to explicitly authorize campaign funds to be used for donations to a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization or any religious organization. The change would expand current law, which allows use of campaign funds for donations to a community service or civic organization.

The bill also would specify that, if a candidate dies with an open candidate committee account that contains campaign funds, the executor or administrator of the candidate's estate would be responsible for terminating the committee and disposing of the remaining funds.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register.*

Background

Representative DeGraaf testified in support of the bill in the House Committee on Elections. He described it as an attempt to clarify existing statutory language regarding donations to a community service or civic organization. He indicated he believed legislative intent was to allow use of campaign funds to support charitable causes, and passage of the bill would allow donations to Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, a church, or a Lions Club pancake feed, for example.

There was no other testimony on the bill.

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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

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to add the provisions dealing with funds in a candidate account upon a candidate's death and to make the bill effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The fiscal note submitted by the Division of the Budget on the original bill said the Governmental Ethics Commission indicated the bill would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures. No fiscal note was immediately available on the Senate Committee of the Whole amendment.