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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 100**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ethics,  
Elections and Local Government

**Brief\***

SB 100, as amended, would make a number of changes related to lobbyist and candidate reporting requirements.

With respect to lobbyists, the bill would delete the requirement that a lobbyist file a year-end summary report when the lobbyist has spent an aggregate amount of less than \$100 for lobbying in any reporting period during that year.

Regarding candidates, the bill would increase the amount that triggers whether the candidate may file an affidavit instead of a detailed reporting of campaign contributions or expenditures. Under the bill, if a candidate intends to spend less than \$1,000 (instead of the current amount of \$500) and receive less than \$1,000 (instead of the current amount of \$500) for either the primary or general election, the candidate would be required to file an affidavit of such intent with the county election officer. By revising both KSA 25-904 and KSA 25-4173, this change would affect every candidate for election to any state office or the following local offices: cities of the first, second, or third class, unified school districts, counties, community colleges, townships, and the board of public utilities.

**Background**

The original bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections, and Local Government upon

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request by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC). At the Senate Committee hearing the KGEC Executive Director testified favorably, indicating the KGEC believes the year-end summary report is redundant and unnecessary. No other testimony was received.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to add the contents of SB 98, which dealt with candidate reporting requirements for specified local offices, and expand the amendment to include an identical change to the statute dealing with the same requirements in the Campaign Finance Act (which covers state offices and offices in cities of the first class, unified school districts with a student population of 35,000 or greater, and the board of public utilities).

The Division of the Budget fiscal note on SB 100 indicates passage of the original bill would have no fiscal effect on the KGEC except for a very small savings amount. The fiscal note on SB 98 as introduced indicates passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.