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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 431

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 431 would create a legislative procedure that would be followed when a constitutional convention has been called under Article V of the *U.S. Constitution*. The bill would outline the process by which the delegates to the convention would be selected and would define the duties of the delegates. The bill would further contemplate a concurrent resolution being passed by the Legislature to give instructions to the delegates.

Background

Proponents of the bill included Senator Tyson and two private citizens. Written testimony favoring the bill was provided by Representative Hildabrand, Representative Jones, and a private citizen. Testimony opposing the bill was provided by two private citizens.

According to Legislative Administrative Services, the fiscal effect of SB 431 would depend on the timing of a convention. If the Legislature is meeting in Session when the convention meets, there would be no additional expenditures. However, if the Legislature is not meeting in Session, additional costs would include legislative salary, subsistence, and mileage for the members based on the number of meeting days. In addition, there could be expenses incurred for staffing requirements of the delegates.

*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>