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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 98

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ethics
and Elections

Brief*

SB 98 would increase the aggregate amount, from \$500 to \$1,000, that a candidate would have to intend to expend and receive on the candidacy for each primary and general election before the candidate would be required to file campaign finance reports. This requirement would apply both to candidates for offices regulated under the Campaign Finance Act and to candidates for election to any city of the second and third class, unified school district with a student count of less than 35,000 pupils, community college, or township.

For certain of the local offices (in cities of the second and third class, unified school districts with a student count of less than 35,000 pupils, community colleges or townships) the bill also would increase, from \$50 to \$100 during the election period, the amount over which a candidate must file an itemized statement of individual contributions and of expenditures.

Background

At the Senate Committee hearing, the Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission answered questions on the bill. No other testimony was received.

*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 expand application of the aggregate threshold increase to offices covered under the Campaign Finance Act. The Committee also amended the bill to increase the itemized statement threshold for most local offices to \$100.

The Division of the Budget fiscal note on the bill, as introduced, indicates passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.