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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 239

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ethics and Elections

Brief*

SB 239 would cancel the 2016 presidential preference primary and postpone the next one until 2020. The statute calling for a primary in future presidential election years therefore would be maintained.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs. A representative of the Office of Secretary of State was the sole conferee, testifying favorably. The conferee stated 1992 was the last time a presidential preference primary election was held in Kansas. The primary, however, would entail a Secretary of State budget amendment request for approximately \$1.75 million. While the conferee indicated the Secretary of State is not taking a stand with respect to the advisability of holding such a primary election, the cost prompted the Office to propose the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget essentially reflects the testimony, *i.e.*, if the bill were not to be adopted there would be an additional cost of approximately \$1.8 million for the presidential preference primary election.

*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>