

SESSION OF 2015

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 77**

As Amended by House Committee on Elections

**Brief\***

SB 77 would increase certain fees credited to the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGECC) Fee Fund.

Filing fees for candidates for these offices would be increased:

<u>Candidates Affected</u>	<u>Current Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Amount</u>
Governor and Lieutenant Governor	\$ 480	\$ 650
Other statewide offices	480	650
State senator, state representative, State Board of Education, district attorney, Board of Public Utilities of the City of Kansas City, and elected county offices	35	50
Members of boards of education of unified school districts having 35,000 or more pupils, members of governing bodies of cities of the first class, and elected district court judges	35	50

Fees for political committees that anticipate receiving these amounts in any calendar year would be increased:

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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>

<b>Political Committees Affected</b>	<b>Current Amount</b>	<b>Proposed Amount</b>
\$2,501 or more	\$ 240	\$ 300
More than \$500 but less than \$2,501	35	50
\$500 or less	20	25
Filed anticipating less than \$2,500 but receipts exceed \$2,500	240 minus previous fee	300 minus previous fee
Filed anticipating less than \$500, but receipts exceed \$500 and are less than \$2,501	20	25

Fees paid by registered lobbyists would increase:

<b>Lobbyists Affected</b>	<b>Current Amount</b>	<b>Proposed Amount</b>
Anticipated spending of \$1,000 or less on behalf of any one employer (per employer)	\$ 35	\$ 50
Anticipated spending of more than \$1,000 on behalf of any one employer (per employer)	300	350
Additional fee if anticipated spending on behalf of any one employer is less than \$1,000, but actual spending exceeds \$1,000	220	300
Employee of a lobbying group or firm (not an owner or partner)	360	450

**Background**

The Executive Director of the KGEC requested the bill and was the sole conferee in the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections. She stated a fee increase has been recommended by the KGEC in its Annual Report and Recommendations since 2011, the KGEC became a fee

agency in 1991, fees were last increased in 2000, approximately 39 percent of the KGEC's operations will be funded through the Fee Fund this year and, if fees are not increased, the KGEC Fee Fund will be depleted in FY 2018.

The Executive Director of the KGEC, a proponent, was the sole conferee in the House Committee on Elections. The House Committee amended the bill to increase from \$275 to \$300 the additional registration fee for a lobbyist who anticipated spending less than \$1,000 on behalf of any one employer, but later spent in excess of \$1,000. The change was described as necessary to correct a math error in the underlying bill. The amendment would result in a uniform registration fee of \$350 for any lobbyist who spent more than \$1,000 on any one employer.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill, as introduced, would result in increased revenues of \$51,210 to the KGEC Fee Fund in FY 2016. Because the bill would not change the procedure for handling the amounts collected, it is expected the bill would have little or no fiscal effect on either the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.