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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2210**

As Amended by House Committee on Local  
Government

**Brief\***

HB 2210, as amended, would repeal KSA 2016 Supp. 25-2711, a statute forbidding local regulation of political signs. KSA 2016 Supp. 25-2711 prohibits any city or county from regulating or forbidding the placement or number of political signs on private property or the unpaved right-of-way for city streets or county roads on private property during the 45 days preceding and the 2 days following any election. The statute also allows cities and counties to regulate the size and set-back distance for the placement of signs for safety reasons.

**Background**

The bill was introduced in the House Committee on Local Government. Proponents at the House Committee hearing were Representative Campbell and representatives of the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) and the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM). Proponents stated the bill would allow Kansas to comply with federal law as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Reed v. Gilbert*, which requires all temporary signs to be treated the same regardless of content. No other testimony was provided.

The bill, as introduced, would have revised the law to refer to temporary, instead of political, signs, and to clarify when cities and counties were authorized to regulate temporary signs. The House Committee amended the bill to repeal the underlying statute.

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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>

According to the fiscal note on the bill as introduced, prepared by the Division of the Budget, KAC and LKM stated enactment of the bill would have no fiscal affect.