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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 56**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Ethics, Elections and Local Government

**Brief\***

SB 56 would eliminate the requirement that pre-primary and pre-general election last-minute contribution reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office be filed in the office of the county election officer. Enactment of this legislation would leave only a requirement that these reports be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

**Background**

The bill was requested by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC). The KGEC Executive Director was the sole proponent at the hearing before the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government, stating KGEC staff believes this dual reporting requirement remained as an oversight after 2011 Senate Sub. for HB 2080 was enacted. That bill eliminated the dual filing for receipts and expenditure reports from candidates for statewide office. No other testimony was provided.

“State office” is defined as “state officers elected on a statewide basis, members of the house of representatives and state senators, members of the state board of education, district judges, district magistrate judges and district attorneys.”

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

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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>