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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 57

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

Brief*

SB 57 would amend Campaign Finance Act reporting requirements for contact purposes. The bill would require email addresses be submitted as follows:

- For every treasurer for a candidate (and chairperson for a candidate committee, if one is appointed) for state office, to the Secretary of State;
- For every treasurer for a candidate (and chairperson for a candidate committee, if one is appointed) for local office, to the relevant county election officer;
- For every chairperson and treasurer of a party or political committee which anticipates receiving contributions or making expenditures for a candidate for state office, to the Secretary of State; and
- For every chairperson and treasurer of a party or political committee which anticipates receiving contributions or making expenditures for a candidate for local office, to the relevant county election officer.

*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 bill would require the email addresses be submitted not later than ten days after the appointment of the relevant officer.

Background

The bill was requested by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC). Testifying in favor of the bill were representatives of the KGEC and the League of Women Voters. The KGEC representative gave the reasoning behind the bill: having access to email addresses for candidate treasurers and party and political committee officers would assist the KGEC staff in contacting these individuals if questions arise on campaign reports or other campaign finance issues.

No opposing or neutral testimony was received.

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