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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 57

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 57 would amend Campaign Finance Act reporting requirements for contact purposes. The bill would make optional the submission of email addresses 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.

The bill would require the email addresses be submitted not later than ten days after the appointment of the relevant officer, if the email address is submitted.

*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>

Background

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

No opposing or neutral testimony was received.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to make submission of email addresses optional.

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