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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Olson
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 21, 2022

Subject: SB 439 – Voter registration notices.

Senate Bill No. 439 (SB 439) would amend K.S.A. 25-2316c, which governs voter registration changes. Under subsection (e) of the statute, a county election officer is required to send a voter registration confirmation notice in certain circumstances. The voter may state their current address and return the notice card to update their address information. Current law requires such notice when: (1) The notice of disposition of a voter registration application is undeliverable; (2) change of address information is provided by the National Change of Address Program; and (3) the United State Postal Service provides information that the voter have moved to a different address in the county or to a different address outside the county.

SB 439 would also require notice of confirmation be sent if the voter has no election-related activity in four calendar years. Election-related activity means the voter has not voted, attempted to vote, requested or submitted an advance ballot application, filed an updated voter registration card, signed a petition that must be verified by the county election officer or Secretary of State, or responded to any official election mailing.

If enacted, SB 439 would become effective on July 1, 2022.