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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2167

As Amended by House Committee on Elections

Brief*

HB 2167, as amended, would prohibit the use of cryptocurrency for campaign contributions and would amend law to prohibit a candidate or candidate committee from using campaign contributions subject to reporting requirements under the Campaign Finance Act in or for the campaign of a candidate for federal office.

[*Note:* Current law prohibits any campaign funds from being used for the campaign of a candidate for federal office.]

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections at the request of Representative Waggoner on behalf of the Governmental Ethics Commission.

House Committee on Elections

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by the Executive Director of the Governmental Ethics Commission, who stated the bill would regulate campaign finance contributions in the form of cryptocurrency and create an exception to a broader prohibition involving parties and political action committees supporting federal candidates.

No other testimony was provided.

*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 House Committee amended the bill to prohibit campaign finance contributions in the form of cryptocurrency. [Note: As introduced, the bill would have regulated the use of cryptocurrency contributions and limited cryptocurrency contributions to \$100.]

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Secretary of State indicates that the office would use existing resources to make changes to its campaign finance filing system. The Governmental Ethics Commission indicates it could have additional costs related to opinion publishing; however, the fiscal effect would be negligible. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Campaign finance; cryptocurrency; campaign contributions; candidate for federal office; Campaign Finance Act; Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission