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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2183

As Amended by House Committee on Elections

Brief*

HB 2183, as amended, would create law to prohibit the Governor, the Executive Branch, and the Judicial Branch from altering election laws. The bill would also require approval from the Legislative Coordinating Council prior to the Secretary of State entering into consent decrees with any court.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections at the request of Representative Blake Carpenter.

House Committee on Elections

In the House Committee hearing on February 2, 2021, Representative Carpenter provided written-only **proponent** testimony stating the bill would ensure the power to alter laws rests solely with the legislative branch and would ensure the legislative branch has the ability to “weigh-in on” legal matters that could impact current laws.

A representative from Loud Light Civic Action provided **opponent** testimony.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Communications and Policy provided neutral testimony.

*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 by removing a provision that would repeal a statute related to the ability of the Secretary of State to distribute ballots during disasters or emergencies.

Fiscal Information

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

Elections; Secretary of State; Governor; Judicial Branch; consent decrees