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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2577

As Recommended by House Committee on
Elections

Brief*

HB 2577 would make several changes to the Campaign Finance Act (Act).

The bill would clarify that “paid for” attributions or “sponsored by” statements must be included in electronic political advertisements or communications, and the bill would specify such statements must be clear and conspicuous. It would remove a requirement the statement be at the end of the item.

The bill would extend the time frame for a hearing by the Governmental Ethics Commission (Commission) upon a finding of probable cause of violation of the Act from within 30 days to within 90 days.

The bill would also authorize the Commission to request assistance from federal officers during an investigation under the Act and authorize such federal officers to access Commission records under those circumstances.

The bill would amend the exception to the campaign finance report requirements for candidates who file an affidavit prior to the primary election stating an intent not to incur expenses or receive contributions in excess of a certain amount, to change the limit from \$500 to \$1,000.

[*Note:* KSA 2021 Supp. 25-4173 currently includes a limit of \$1,000 for this affidavit amount.]

*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 also make technical changes.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections at the request of the Executive Director of the Commission.

[*Note:* The bill contains provisions similar to those of SB 427.]

House Committee on Elections

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by the Executive Director of the Commission. The proponent stated the bill would make technical and procedural amendments to the Act and would align the Act with the Commission's day-to-day practices.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Commission and the Office of the Secretary of State indicate enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the operations of either agency.

Campaign Finance Act; Governmental Ethics Commission; campaign finance; political advertising