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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 125

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ethics and Elections

Brief*

SB 125 would change the filing deadline from June 10 to June 1 for candidates for national, state (including governor and lieutenant governor), county, and township offices. The bill also would remove language regarding certain 1998 elections.

Background

The Allen County Clerk and Election Official, representing the Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association, and the Crawford County Clerk and Election Official testified in favor of the bill. Election officials from Cowley, Sherman, and Wyandotte counties submitted written testimony supporting the bill. The county election officials stated the change is needed to allow sufficient time to prepare ballots for military and civilian overseas voters and mail them by a federal deadline. No other testimony was presented.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Secretary of State said the bill would have no effect on that office or on county election offices. The fiscal note further says that many candidates file before the deadline.

*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>