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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2558**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Local Government

**Brief\***

HB 2558 would prohibit cities and counties from regulating or prohibiting certain actions related to door-to-door campaigning for elective office: canvassing, polling, soliciting, or otherwise approaching private residences for the purpose of distributing campaign literature or campaigning for a candidate.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Local Government. Proponents included Senator Greg Smith, the Executive Director of the Kansas Republican Party, the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas, and three private citizens. The proponents' arguments centered around the right of free speech.

A representative of the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) testified in opposition to the bill during the hearing, saying the organization saw this prohibition as an infringement upon cities' state constitutional home rule right of local control. However, on the day action was taken on the bill, the Chairperson indicated an LKM representative subsequently stated the organization plans to change its position on the bill to neutral.

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\*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>

No neutral testimony was presented at the hearing.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, no fiscal effect information was received from the LKM or the Kansas Association of Counties. The Division of the Budget estimates passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.