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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2604

As Amended by House Committee on Elections

Brief*

HB 2604, as amended, would require the Office of the Secretary of State (Office) to publish precinct level primary and general election results for all statewide offices, state legislative offices, and federal offices on the Office’s official website no later than 30 days after the final canvass of the election has been completed.

Background

The bill was introduced at the request of Representative Esau. In the House Committee on Elections hearing, a private citizen provided neutral testimony, stating he supported requiring the Office to publish precinct level election results. However, he had three concerns with the bill: federal election results were not included; the bill’s language of “as soon as practicable” is subjective; and the format in which data would be published was not specified. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to include primary and general election results for federal offices, and to specify the Office must publish the results on its official website no later than 30 days after the final canvass of the election has been completed.

A fiscal note was not available at the time the House Committee took action on the bill.

*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