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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2163

As Recommended by House Committee on
Elections

Brief*

HB 2163 would repeal provisions in election law relating to the Secretary of State's duty to prepare forms necessary for a primary election, election-related contributions by certain corporations and stockholders, and a presidential preference primary.

Statutes to Be Repealed

The bill would repeal provisions in the *Kansas Statutes Annotated*, Chapter 25, Elections.

The bill would repeal a statute requiring the Secretary of State, with the assistance and advice of the Attorney General, to prepare all forms necessary for a primary election. The bill would also repeal a prohibition on political contributions from certain types of government-regulated corporations, such as banks and railroads, and the penalties for violating that prohibition. Finally, the bill would repeal statutes related to the presidential preference primary, on the topics of the state canvass of the votes, certification of results, payment of election expenses, eligibility to vote, the form of the ballot, county canvasses of votes, and transmitting results to the Secretary of State.

*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>

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections at the request of the Office of the Secretary of State.

[*Note:* HB 2163 contains provisions similar to 2020 SB 256, as introduced.]

House Committee on Elections

In the House Committee hearing on the bill, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State (and Assistant Legal Counsel) testified as a **proponent**, stating that the bill would remove statutes that no longer serve any purpose related to requiring the Secretary of State to prepare all forms necessary for a primary election, a presidential preference primary, and campaign contributions from certain government-regulated entities.

No neutral or **opponent** testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

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

Elections; contributions; primary elections; presidential preference primary