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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thompson
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 9, 2026

Subject: HB 2569 – Venue for civil actions challenging the constitutionality of state election laws.

House Bill No. 2569 (HB 2569) would enact new law establishing the venue for civil actions challenging the constitutionality of state election laws. Under current law, a plaintiff may bring an action challenging the constitutionality of a state statute in the district court for the county where such plaintiff resides. HB 2569 would specify that only the district court of Shawnee County is the proper venue for such actions when the challenge is to a state law or rule and regulation related to elections.

Under HB 2569 a plaintiff bringing a constitutional challenge against any state law or rule and regulation related to elections must file their lawsuit in the district court of Shawnee County. If the action is brought in another district court, then such action shall be transferred to the district court of Shawnee County.

HB 2569 passed the House of Representatives on a final action vote of 74-48.

If enacted, HB 2569 would become effective on July 1, 2026.