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## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 195

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Elections and Local Government

### **Brief\***

SB 195 proposes changes to the Campaign Finance Act. The bill would define as a class C misdemeanor crime any paid campaign advertisement made by telephonic means which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office, when the advertisement is not followed by a statement indicating who paid for or sponsored the ad.

### **Background**

Current law defines "corrupt political advertising" to include a number of political advertisements expressly advocating the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, if the advertisement does not contain certain information on the ad's sponsor.

Senator Roger Reitz testified in support of the bill. Representatives of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC) and the Kansas National Education Association testified in favor of Section 1 of the bill. A representative of the Kansas Credit Attorneys Association and Kansas Collectors Association testified neutrally, requesting an amendment to the underlying current law contained in Section 2 of the bill.

The Senate Committee deleted Section 2 of the bill, which would have prohibited a telephone solicitor to use an automatic dialing-announcing device when making consumer telephone calls, with certain exceptions.

According to the fiscal note, the KGEC expects passage of SB 195 as introduced to have no fiscal effect.

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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>