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## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 320

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

### Brief\*

SB 320 addresses the presidential preference primary election. The bill would:

- Reduce to three the minimum number of states which must hold a presidential preference primary election on a specific date, in order for Kansas' primary to be held on the same date. (Current law establishes a "default" date of the first Tuesday in April 2008, and every fourth year thereafter, if the Secretary of State determines there is no common date on which at least *five* states are conducting such a primary.)
- Change the candidate filing date for the presidential primary from February 12 to seven weeks prior to the date of the presidential primary.
- Make technical and conforming changes.

### Background

A representative of the Secretary of State's Office testified in support of the bill. No opponents testified.

The Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government amended the bill to reduce the minimum number of states which must hold a presidential primary on a specific date, in order for Kansas to use a date other than the currently authorized default date.

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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>

The Senate Committee of the Whole adopted a technical amendment.

The fiscal note indicated the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect.