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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2357

As Recommended by House Committee on
Elections and Governmental Organization

Brief*

HB 2357 would authorize counties with a population of 130,000 or less to create an office of commissioner of elections. A board of county commissioners choosing to do so would need to approve a resolution in same manner as is done for approval of a charter resolution.

The bill also would allow a board of county commissioners to appoint an election commissioner. The election commissioner would serve for a four-year term, be required to take an oath of office, and may be removed only for cause.

Background

Currently, KSA 19-3419 requires counties with a population of more than 130,000 to have an Office of Commissioner of Elections, which must be administered by an election commissioner. This bill would amend the statute to allow smaller counties to create such an office.

The county clerks of Riley and Saline counties provided testimony in favor of the bill. No opponents testified.

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The fiscal note indicated the bill's passage would generate costs for counties choosing to create this office. These costs would vary depending on the circumstances.

*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>