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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2409

As Amended by House Committee on
Elections and Governmental Organization

Brief*

HB 2409 concerns reports of campaign contributions in contested elections for state and local office. The bill would require that the treasurer for a candidate for a contested state or local office file a campaign contribution report containing specified information for each person who has made one or more contributions totaling \$300 or more during the period that begins 11 days before a primary or general election and ending just before the Thursday preceding the date of the election. The report must be made on or before the close of business on that Thursday.

- The information required to be placed in the report is:
 - The name and address of each person contributing an aggregate amount of at least \$300, except for contributions made by the candidate to the candidate's own campaign;
 - The amount and date of the contribution, including the name and address of every lender, guarantor and endorser if the contribution is in the form of an advance or loan.

- The required reports could be filed by electronic mail, fax, telegram or by any express delivery service.

- The required reports could be signed by the candidate in lieu

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of the candidate's treasurer or the treasurer of the candidate's committee.

Background

Representative Terrie Huntington and The Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC) testified in support of the bill. The KGEC Executive Director testified that reports that are made 11 days before the general election through the date of the general election are not disclosed until the January 10 Receipts and Expenditures Report, therefore the public would not know who made expenditures 11 days prior to an election.

The House Committee on Elections and Governmental Organization amended the bill to:

- Shorten the new reporting period ending day. As introduced, the bill would have required the report to be made on the Friday preceding an election for all contributions received until immediately before that Friday.
- Add an exception from the new reporting requirement for contributions made by a candidate to the candidate's own campaign.

The fiscal note indicated passage of HB 2409 is not expected to have a fiscal effect.