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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 65

As Amended by House Committee on
Elections and Governmental Organization

Brief*

SB 65 would expand to all counties the ability of county elections officers to designate places other than the central county elections office as satellite advance voting sites. Current law restricts this to counties with a population exceeding 250,000 (Sedgwick and Johnson counties).

Background

A representative of the Office of Secretary of State testified in favor of SB 65, stating its purpose is to expand voting opportunities by allowing more counties to establish satellite advance voting sites. Election office representatives from Douglas and Johnson counties also provided testimony in support of the bill.

The fiscal note prepared for SB 65 stated there would be no fiscal impact on the Office of the Secretary of State if the bill were to pass. There would, however, be an effect on any county choosing to conduct satellite advance voting. The effect was estimated at \$4,500 for a small- to medium-sized county to operate one satellite voting location during one primary or general election. Additional fiscal information was provided regarding the range of total costs that might be associated with the bill, depending on which and how many counties choose to conduct satellite advance voting and how they conduct it. In addition, it was noted use of KANWIN connections for security reasons might generate as-yet unknown costs to counties that use these measures.

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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>