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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 79

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Ethics and Elections

Brief*

SB 79 would move the filing deadline up two weeks for candidates for national, state, county and township offices. The law's current exception would remain for instances when the designated deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday. Related deadlines dealing with reapportionment also would be modified to conform with the new filing deadline.

Background

Current law requires national, state, county, and township office candidates to file by noon on June 10 in order to have their names printed on the official primary ballot, unless they file when they submit nomination petitions.

The county clerks and election officials of Jefferson, Allen, Sherman, and Saline counties testified in favor of the bill, stating the change is needed primarily to allow more time between the filing deadline and other deadlines imposed for the mailing of federal service ballots to those serving overseas. No opposing testimony was received.

The Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections adopted a substitute bill to reduce the filing deadline change from one month to two weeks.

According to the fiscal note on the original bill, the bill's passage would have no fiscal effect.

*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>