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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2066**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Elections

**Brief\***

HB 2066 would make changes related to voter registration and voter identification. Specifically, the bill would do the following:

- Clarify what constitutes valid identification by bringing state statutes into conformity with federal law. According to the bill the advance voter must provide, at a minimum, the voter's current name and either his or her photograph or current residential address.
- Clarify that once a first-time voter has provided valid identification, the voter is not required to provide identification again unless the voter's status changes.
- Codify procedures for verifying and maintaining the statewide voter registration list required by federal law;
- Bring state law into compliance with federal law by indicating a preference for providing a driver's license or nondriver identification card at the time of registration (while still making the last four digits of the social security number acceptable as an alternative); and
- Resolve a discrepancy in two state laws dealing with the voter registration deadline before elections.

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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>

## **Background**

The federal Help America Vote Act of 2001 (HAVA) made significant changes in election law. While most of those changes have been accounted for in state law by previous conforming measures, some inconsistencies remain. According to testimony from the Secretary of State's Office, the purpose of much of this bill is to bring certain state statutory measures into conformity with HAVA. Another section of the bill resolves an existing discrepancy between two state laws.

No testimony other than that of the Secretary of State's office was offered.

The House Committee on Elections amended the bill to make further conforming changes.

According to the fiscal note, passage of the bill would result in no fiscal effect for the Office of the Secretary of State, since the agency already is complying with federal law related to most of the provisions of the bill.