

SESSION OF 2010

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 420**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Ethics and Elections

**Brief\***

SB 420 would change the filing date for extension district governing body member candidates from five weeks to ten weeks preceding the April election.

**Background**

A number of county clerks, some of whom represented the Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association, and a representative of Kansas State University testified in favor of the bill. No opponents testified.

Testimony indicated that the number of extension districts is growing as an increasing number of county extension offices are merging their services to save costs and provide more specialized services. With the increase in the number of extension districts comes an increase in ballot timing, programming and printing problems. Moving the filing deadline would ease the ballot-related problems, the testimony indicated.

According to the fiscal note, passage of SB 420 would have no fiscal effect.

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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>