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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2020

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2020, as amended, would direct the Director of Vehicles (Director), Department of Revenue, to quarterly provide the Secretary of State (Secretary) a list of all permanent and temporary driver's licenses issued to noncitizens. The list of non-citizens must contain the names, addresses, phone numbers, Social Security numbers, alien registration numbers, dates of birth, temporary driver's license numbers, and the expiration dates of such licenses. The bill would direct the Secretary to compare the list provided by the Director with the voter registration rolls and investigate. The Secretary would then direct the county election officer to remove the names of any non-citizens that appear on the voter registration rolls within five business days. The bill would require the county election officer to notify such person that they may be reinstated on the voter registration rolls by providing proof of their citizenship.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections at the request of Representative Waggoner.

^{*}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 https://klrd.gov/

House Committee on Elections

In the House Committee hearing, representatives of the Office of the Secretary of State and Opportunity Solutions Project provided **proponent** testimony. The proponents generally stated the bill would streamline a process already in place and would allow a proactive approach to ensuring secure and safe elections.

Written-only proponent testimony was submitted by three private citizens.

A representative of Loud Light Civic Action provided **opponent** testimony, stating the bill was declarative, vague, and risked constitutional challenges.

Written-only opponent testimony was submitted by a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Kansas.

Written-only neutral testimony was submitted by three private citizens.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to:

- Specify that the list provided by the Director is a list of non-citizens;
- Add alien registration numbers to the list provided by the Director;
- Direct the Secretary, after an investigation, to direct the county election officer to remove any non-citizen from the voter registration rolls;
- Direct the county election officer to send notification to persons removed from the voter registration rolls; and

• Add a requirement that the county election officers must remove non-citizens from the voter registration rolls within five business days.

Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State, who stated the bill would codify current practice of using a list of temporary driver's licenses to maintain voter registration rolls and provided information about the most recent review of the temporary driver's license list being conducted by the Secretary.

Written-only proponent testimony was submitted by a representative of Heritage Action for America and four private citizens.

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the ACLU of Kansas.

Neutral testimony was provided by a private citizen, who provided a letter from the America First Legal Foundation to the Committee.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a private citizen.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Secretary of State would use existing resources to review the quarterly list and perform any additional activities as a result of the review. The Department of Revenue would require \$1,250 from the State

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General Fund in FY 2026 for programming and testing required to produce the quarterly report for the Secretary of State.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of HB 2020 would not have a fiscal effect on counties.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Secretary of State; Division of Vehicles; voter registration rolls; noncitizens