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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2446

As Recommended by House Committee on
Elections

Brief*

HB 2446 would amend the definition of “corrupt political advertising” within the Campaign Finance Act and election crimes law to remove the requirement to list the treasurer in “paid for” or “sponsored by” attributions in political advertisements.

The Campaign Finance Act and election crimes law currently define the crime of corrupt political advertising as communications advocating for the nomination, election, or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office without including either the name of the chairperson or the treasurer of the sponsoring organization. The bill would require the name of only the chairperson of the sponsoring organization to be on such communications.

The bill would further amend election crimes law to remove the requirement to list the treasurer’s name in attributions on certain communications intended to influence the vote of any person or persons for or against certain question-submitted elections. The bill would require the name of only the chairperson of the sponsoring organization to be on such communications.

The bill also would make technical changes.

*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/>

Background

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

House Committee on Elections

In the House Committee hearing, the Deputy Secretary of State provided **proponent** testimony stating removing the requirement to include the treasurer's name on political advertisements would ensure candidate campaigns had only one treasurer and remove the disincentive of having one's name associated with a political message they had no role in creating. The conferee also stated including a treasurer's name on a political advertisement for a candidate's campaign is not necessary for the public to determine who paid for such advertisement, unlike political advertisements for political action committees.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Public Disclosure Commission and the Official of Judicial Administration indicate enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with the enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties and the Kansas League of Municipalities indicate enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on local government.

Elections; campaign; corrupt political advertising; Campaign Finance Act