

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2569

As Recommended by House Committee on
Elections

Brief*

HB 2569 would direct all actions alleging a state law with statewide application related to elections, or any rule and regulation adopted pursuant thereto, violates one or more provisions of the *U.S. Constitution* or the *Kansas Constitution* be brought in the District Court of Shawnee County, regardless of the form of relief sought.

If such an action is brought in any court other than Shawnee County, the bill would direct the court to transfer such action to the District Court of Shawnee County, either upon its own motion or the motion of any party.

The bill would clarify nothing contained in its provisions shall be construed to limit the jurisdiction of the District Court of Shawnee County or the appellate jurisdiction of the Kansas Supreme Court or the Kansas Court of Appeals.

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, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Public Interest Legal

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Foundation and the Secretary of State. The proponents generally stated the bill would prevent forum shopping and keeping litigation in one judicial district allows expertise to develop among the judges.

Written-only **opponent** testimony was provided by representatives of Kansas Appleseed and Loud Light Civic Action.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of the Secretary of State, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Office of Judicial Administration indicate the bill would have no fiscal effect.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates passage of the bill could increase counties' costs associated with the number of constitutional challenges which would occur; however, the Association could not determine a fiscal effect.

District court; Shawnee County; Constitutional challenge; election law